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DOUBLING STRENGTH OF CHINA'S ARMY

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Chiang's Confidence Unshaken Despite Japanese Penetration

Hankow, Mar. 9.

Complete confidence in China's ultimate victory was expressed by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in a recent interview here. The Generalissimo said he believed the strength of the Chinese army would be doubled in two months' time compared with the strength of the fighting forces at the outbreak of the conflict.

In contrast to the pessimism felt in certain circles regarding the military situation in Shansi, Marshal Chiang said he was confident that the Japanese forces would not be able to penetrate further into China's north-west provinces.

He expressed the opinion that the Japanese troops in Shansi were already experiencing very great difficulties, with 25,000 Chinese troops scattered in the mountains east and west of the Tungpu railway, which connects Taiyuanfu with Tungkwan.

These Chinese forces were constantly harassing the Japanese troops along the railway, he said.

Asked by a foreigner where the government was likely to meet next the Generalissimo replied:

"The Chinese National Government is not the corrupt and militarist regime such as those witnessed in China's past history, but a revolutionary Government, representing the Chinese race and nation, and every temporary reverse the Chinese army has suffered means the redoubling of China's determination to continue resistance. It would not be surprising if we re-meet at Hankow, and it is even possible that we will re-meet in Nanking!"—Reuter.

Advance Checked

Hankow, Mar. 9.

A Japanese detachment succeeded in crossing the Yellow River at a point in the extreme north of the Shansi province, where the river is frozen, and occupied Fuku on March 2. It is learned here.

However, a Chinese detachment later pushed back the Japanese to their original position as a result of a fierce counter-attack, and the relative Chinese and Japanese positions on this, and the other fronts, remain stationary.—Reuter.

Japanese Aim At Hsuehchow

Hankow March 9.

One hundred thousand Japanese troops are being massed in Shantung to make a renewed attempt to capture Hsuehchow and to menace the Lunghai Railway at Hsuehchow, according to reliable information received here.

These troops, it is said belong to the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th Divisions, which will be placed under a unified command for the drive. A column will advance southward along the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and another column will drive down into Kiangsu from south-east of Tientsin, which will be an important converging point in their drive.

Simultaneously the Japanese troops now stationed at Tientsin, on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, will push southward to attack Kwei-teh, about 150 miles west of Hsuehchow on the Lunghai Railway.

Owing to the constant menace of Chinese guerrilla units on both sides of the railway and the stiff resistance put up by the Chinese forces on the north bank of the Hwai River, the Japanese troops on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Anhwei, will temporarily abandon their drive southward to menace Hsuehchow, leaving the task to the forces in Shantung. They will instead strike westward to capture Hsuehchow, important town in central Anhwei. It is stated.—Central News.

Another Peer Forsakes Labour Party

London, Mar. 8.

Following a similar step taken by Lord Arnold, Lord Sanderson is resigning from the Labour Party on the ground that its Foreign policy involves hatred of other powers, and that it is prepared to go to war on behalf of collective security.

Because of this he would regard his attainment to office as a menace to peace.—Reuter Bulletin.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS CRITICISED

But Government To Increase Subsidy To Civil Flying

London, Mar. 8.

The Government has decided to adopt the recommendations of the Cudman Report that a permanent Under-Secretary of Air shall be appointed who will exercise general administrative direction of civil aviation affairs. The Government has not yet finally decided whether to adopt the recommendation that an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary, solely concerned with civil aviation, shall be appointed, but is prepared to recommend an increase in subsidies for air transport companies from £1,500,000 to £3,000,000.

The development of Empire services by Imperial Airways and the creation of new air services in Europe by British companies are other recommendations of the committee, who also strongly criticise the management of the Imperial Airways. The Government has agreed, and it is understood that the Company will welcome the suggestion that a whole-time chairman should be appointed.

The Imperial Airways have intimated that they fully agree with the recommendation that personal contact between employer and employee should be supplemented by collective representation.

STRONG CRITICISM

The report states that although the carriage of air passengers in safety and comfort, and the conveyance of mails and freight has been achieved by Imperial Airways with considerable success.

Horrible Poison Plot Revealed at Trial



HEADS NANKING GOVERNMENT — Bearded Tao Hsi-shan, heading the new autonomous commission ruling the Chinese city of Nanking under Japanese advisers, is shown reading a manifesto denouncing the Chinese government formerly in power.

Hongkong Sees First Hail Storm

Freakish weather continues here. For the first time in its history, certainly for the first time in the records of the Royal Observatory, which go back to 1884, hail fell in the Colony this morning.

This phenomenon follows on the heels of a heat record for March. Sunday was the hottest day of this month of any on record, the temperature reaching 84 at 2 p.m.

And at 9.50 a.m. to-day hail fell. It started meteorological experts. It started a series of excited telephone calls to the Telegraph office and it frightened Chinese children. It fell in Kowloon, too, for about three minutes. The largest of the hailstones was about the size of a big pea. The hail followed a single flash of lightning.

Big New York Brokerage Firm Fails

Richard Whitney And Co. Insolvent

New York, Mar. 8.

The firm of Richard Whitney and Company, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has announced its inability to meet obligations.

The Stock Exchange subsequently suspended the firm for insolvency. The New York Curb Exchange also suspended the senior partner of the firm, Mr. Richard Whitney, former President of the New York Exchange.—Reuter.

A United Press message says that the Curb Exchange has suspended Mr. Clement J. Dirrick from regular membership, as he is unable to meet obligations. It is said that this action is in no way related to the suspension of Mr. Whitney.

EXCHANGE INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS

New York, Mar. 8. Simultaneous with the announcement that Whitney & Co. had been suspended, the New York Stock Exchange announced that it was investigating evidence that Whitney & Co. had been engaged in conduct contrary to the ethics of trade.

U.S. Railways Granted Rise For Freights

Can Charge Five Per Cent. More To Haul Farm Products

Washington, Mar. 8.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission has issued a decision granting railroad companies an increase in freight rates. It is estimated that the increase will amount to approximately five per cent.

The Commission has allowed increases of 10 per cent. on the majority of items, but has exempted several major commodities including agricultural products, on which five per cent. increase is allowed.

The companies claimed an increase of 15 per cent.—Reuter.

BIG GAINS FOR RAILWAYS

Washington, Mar. 8.

It is estimated that the increase in railroad freight rates will bring the revenue of the lines up by \$270,000,000, which represents two-thirds of the amount requested by the operating companies.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission exempted agricultural products from the increases in rates, with the exception of tropical fruits. Bituminous coal, lignite coke and iron ore also escape the addition in rates. Anthracite will pay ten cents a ton more to the railways, and lumber and shingles, lathes, cotton seed and vegetable oils, cost shippers five per cent. more.—United Press.

\$6,000,000 WAR LOSSES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, March 9.

It is reliably estimated that claims so far entered to the consulates in Shanghai for losses suffered by foreigners as a direct result of the Shanghai hostilities, total just under \$6,000,000.—Reuter.

NEW POST IN AIR MINISTRY

London, Mar. 8.

It is understood that Sir Donald Banks will be appointed to the newly-created post of permanent Under-Secretary for Air.

Sir Francis Sheldermine will continue as Director of Civil Aviation.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MEETS ITALY

Long-Anticipated Conversations Finally Started

Atmosphere Of Cordiality

Rome, Mar. 8.

Anglo-Italian conversations opened this evening with a meeting between Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. The meeting lasted over an hour, after which a communiqué was issued stating that a survey of the ground to be covered was made, and that the conversations will be continued.

It is believed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday. Absolute reserve is maintained in both British and Italian circles regarding the nature of the talks, with a view to not endangering their success by premature publicity.

The atmosphere, however, is very cordial, while the Italian press is full of extracts from foreign newspapers.

ACTING FOR MUSSOLINI



Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, was once a fighting pilot with the Italian Army. To-day he is in a position which calls for every bit as much dexterity and cool judgment. He is representing his Government in the conversations with Lord Perth of Britain. It is the aim of these statements to smooth their differences and attempt the appeasement of Europe.

commenting favourably on what is described as a new turn in British policy.—Reuter.

Vital Efforts

London, March 8.

The opening of the Anglo-Italian conversations in Rome ushers in a vital period in efforts to reach a general appeasement, states Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. It is impossible, at the moment, to forecast the full scope of the discussions in the Italian Capital, but it is generally felt that the British aim is to secure a détente on the widest and most sure basis, covering the Mediterranean, the Near East and the Middle East. If such an aim is also shared by the Italian Government, it is felt in London that the negotiating statesmen will not be without grounds for hoping for success.

German Relations

Regarding Anglo-German relations, the recent conversation between Herr Hitler and Sir Neville Henderson, and the talk Lord Halifax is to have (Continued on Page 4.)

RUSSIAN ACCUSED NOW ADMITS HIS PART IN POLITICAL SLAUGHTER

Moscow Court Hears Story Of Doctors' Deceit Which Led Patients to Death

Moscow, Mar. 8.

The judge in the sensational Soviet treason trial, to-day granted M. Yagoda's request to have his evidence heard in secret session. This decision came after M. Yagoda had again startled the court by repudiating his denial, made in the morning, of complicity in the murders of Menzhinsky and Peshkov.

This happened after M. Paul Bulanov, Yagoda's private secretary for many years, had testified for 90 minutes against his employer.

M. Andrew Vishinsky, Attorney-General, asked: "What do you say now?" and Yagoda replied: "I admit complicity in the murder of Menzhinsky, and of causing Peshkov's illness, but I beg permission to testify at a secret session."

Judge Ulrich granted the request. M. Bulanov pointed Yagoda as a kind of Borgian poisoner, and said that Yagoda had equipped a special laboratory for experiments with poisons, and had engaged chemists to prepare compounds with which he hoped to dispose of his political enemies. A mixture of mercury and acid was sprinkled in Yagoda's office after he had been removed from the OGPU, which meant he had caused the death of his successor, Yezhov.

M. Bulanov proceeded to describe Yagoda's dictatorial ambitions, his admiration of Herr Hitler, and his hopes of becoming head of the Government by the seizure of power.

HOW GORKY DIED

When the trial was resumed in the morning, Yagoda repudiated part of his confession, denying that he ordered the killing of Menzhinsky and Maxim Gorky.

The plot to undermine Maxim Gorky's political activity by killing his son Peshkov was described to (Continued on Page 4.)

Understanding Over U.S. Claim To Tiny Isles

Washington, Mar. 8.

The United States and Britain have fairly accurate views of each other's attitude regarding the islands of Canton and Enderbury, declared Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, at a press conference to-day.

The statement is taken to indicate that a considerable exchange of views has already been carried on, and that clarification has been reached.—Reuter.

Japanese To Stage Huge Demonstration In Shanghai

Shanghai, March 9.

For the first time since December 3, 1937, when the Japanese staged a "Victory Parade" through the International Settlement, the Japanese have announced a vast military, naval and air force review through the Japanese sector of the Settlement on March 10.

It will be in commemoration of the 34th anniversary of the Russo-Japanese War.

Although the parade is not taking place within the non-Japanese sector of the Settlement, nevertheless elaborate precautions are being taken against untoward incidents such as those which marked the victory parade.—Reuter.

FRANCE PUTS VAST SUMS INTO ARMS

Paris, Mar. 8.

The French Minister of Finance to-day revealed that expenditure on armaments amounted to \$21,000,000 during the first two months of this year, and that before the end of the year, the total would be over \$100,000,000.—Reuter Bulletin.

STOP PRESS

JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN

Hsuehchow, March 9. Whilst returning from a south Shansi mission of bombing Japanese troop concentrations and assisting the Chinese forces in a counter-offensive, a squadron of Chinese planes shot down three Japanese planes in dog-fights over Hsuehchow, Weihnan and Chaowangshwang on the Lunghai Railway yesterday.

The Japanese plane shot down at Hsuehchow was a three-seater bomber. Two of the occupants were killed and the third was seriously wounded in the crash.

All the Chinese planes returned to their base safely.—Central News.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Hongkong Ship That Disappeared First Reported Seized By Japan: Then Her Lifebelt And Door Washed Up



THE OBSERVATORY ON MOUNT SINAI.

An American married couple has built this observatory on famed Mount Sinai. From this base they are undertaking important astronomical and meteorological research.

SWELLED HEAD IS QUITE NATURAL

DON MUST LEAVE HIS "SKIPPER"

Melbourne. Don Bradman will have his second long separation from his wife since their marriage in 1932 when he sails as captain of the Australian cricket team to tour England this summer.

The Cricket Board of Control will be asked to-morrow to approve the terms in the contracts for the players, which will include a rigid ban on

Wives travelling with the team. Writing for the Press.

Film-making and theatre appearances.

Broadcasting and association with advertisements. Mrs. Bradman is an "unofficial captain" when she accompanies Don on cricketing jaunts, and he will miss her quiet advice. At the end of the 1934 tour, when he was operated on for appendicitis in London, she travelled from Australia to look after him on his journey home.

New York. Sir Flinders Petrie, the great archaeologist, has started Washington's Smithsonian Institute on an exciting quest to find out whether the heads of the intellectuals keep on growing as they get older.

Sir Flinders' head has been swelling continuously during his 84 years, according to Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, and Hrdlicka announces the measurements supplied by Sir Flinders:

Age 21: Hat size 6 3/4;
Age 30: Needed 7 1/4;
Age 40: Nothing less than 7 1/4;
Age 50: 7 1/4.

At 60 Sir Flinders began to have his hats made specially; nothing standard would fit.

Woe To Saxophonist's Foe

San Francisco. Municipal Judge Thomas Foley advised Julius Hall to hit saxophone players hereafter in the stomach and not in the mouth. He ordered him to pay the cost of restoring two teeth which he knocked from the mouth of saxophonist Donald Crisler and also to pay his salary for the time lost while undergoing repairs.

Owner Denies Cargo Was War Material

A mystery of the sea which may go down in history with such classics as the Marie Celeste and the Waratah is being investigated by the Committee of Lloyds.

It concerns the fate of the British steamer Haida, manned by a crew of forty, which sailed out of Seattle into the Pacific for Hongkong five months ago.

These are the facts:

On October 24, 1937, according to a notice issued by Lloyd's, the Haida sailed.

On December 20 it was reported from Hongkong that she had been seized by a Japanese destroyer and taken to Formosa, on the supposed ground that she was carrying 4,000 tons of war material for China.

On January 20 Lloyd's received information that a life-buoy bearing the name Haida had been picked up at Vancouver Island.

Last week a lighthouse keeper on Vancouver Island picked up two oars from a lifeboat, a cabin door covered with the Union Jack, and a lifebelt with the name Haida almost obliterated by barnacles and slime.

The Haida was built in 1900—the year of the mysterious disappearance of the Waratah off the coast of Africa—at Sunderland. Her owner is Mr. G. E. Marden, chairman of Messrs. Wheelock and Co., Ltd., of Shanghai.

CARRYING SULPHUR

Mr. Marden said recently:

"The Haida left Seattle before the war in China flared up. She was carrying a cargo of sulphur, which in no way can be considered as war material. This cargo was destined for the Pukow Chemical Works, opposite Nanking."

"Her course was diverted for Hongkong upon hearing news of the hostilities."

"The Haida experienced no storms for several weeks after leaving the Pacific coast, though she was voyaging in latitudes where unfavourable weather might have been expected."

Mr. Marden arrived back in Shanghai recently after visits to London and America, where he has been investigating the mystery.

It is understood that he has filed a claim for loss of the ship with Lloyd's underwriters, who insured the vessel.

INQUIRIES OVERSEAS

The committee of Lloyd's, not wanting to post the Haida as officially missing before obtaining every ounce of information, have sent out inquiries to their agents overseas.

Last week the committee of Lloyd's issued a notice of inquiry in London asking for information. This step was taken after the committee had sat to discuss the mystery.

A Lloyd's official said: "The committee hesitate to take any steps of a semi-legal nature without the fullest obtainable information. This notice has been issued because it is felt there is still a possibility of further information coming to light."

"In view of that, the committee are deferring their decision as to whether the Haida should be officially posted as missing for another seven days. After that they will sit again."

As soon as a vessel is posted missing at Lloyd's claims for loss may be made to Lloyd's underwriters.

The Haida has a Norwegian captain named Novik.

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB'S DECISION

GYBING RULE CHANGE

New York. The New York Yacht Club has decided that in future contests spinners will not have to be lowered before gybing.

The new rule will eliminate part of the risk involved by the taking in of huge parachutes. It will apply to future yacht races for the America's Cup.

The gybing of a yacht without lowering the spinner has been widely advocated since the practice of doing so aboard the defender, Ranger, was stopped during Cup trials at Newport last summer. The crew of the Ranger had been trained to this manoeuvre by Mr. Vanderbilt, with the result that much time was saved.



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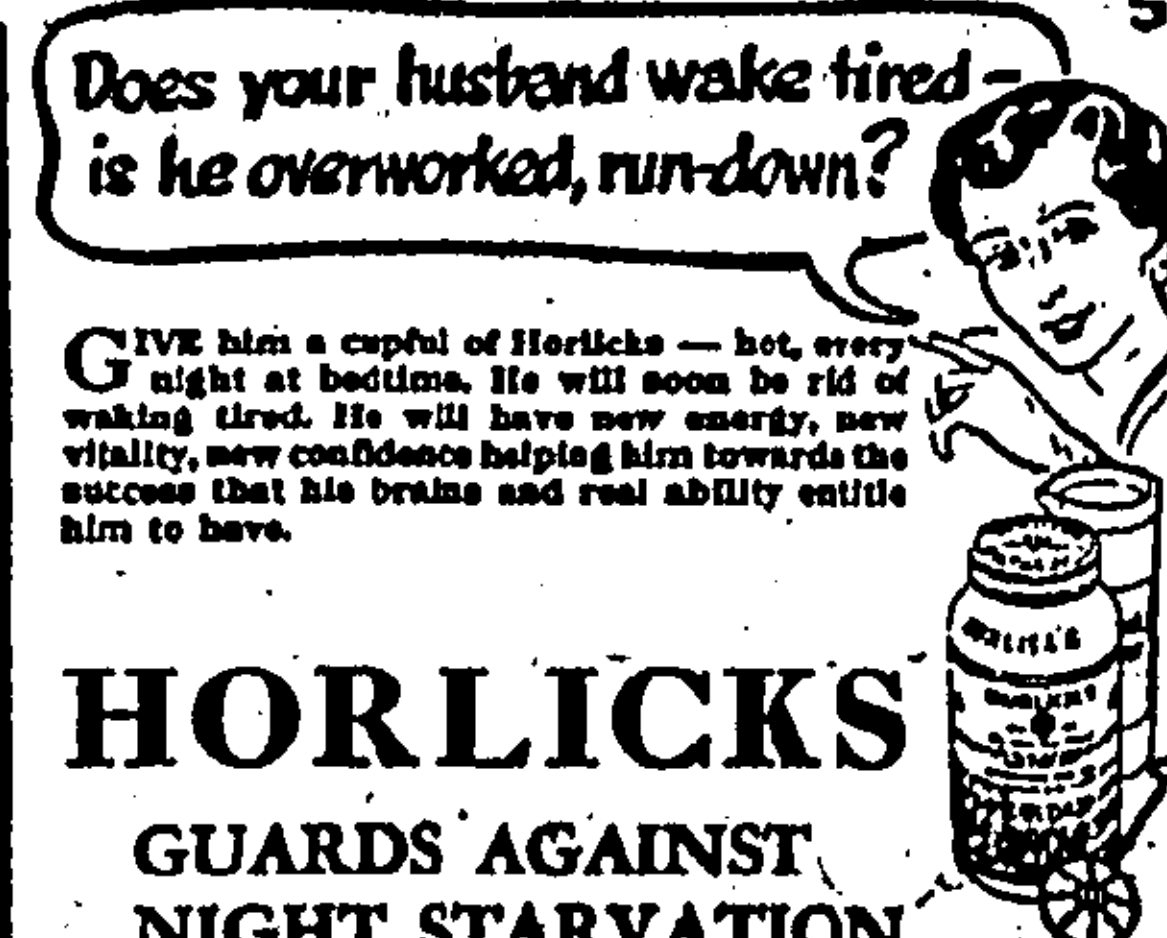
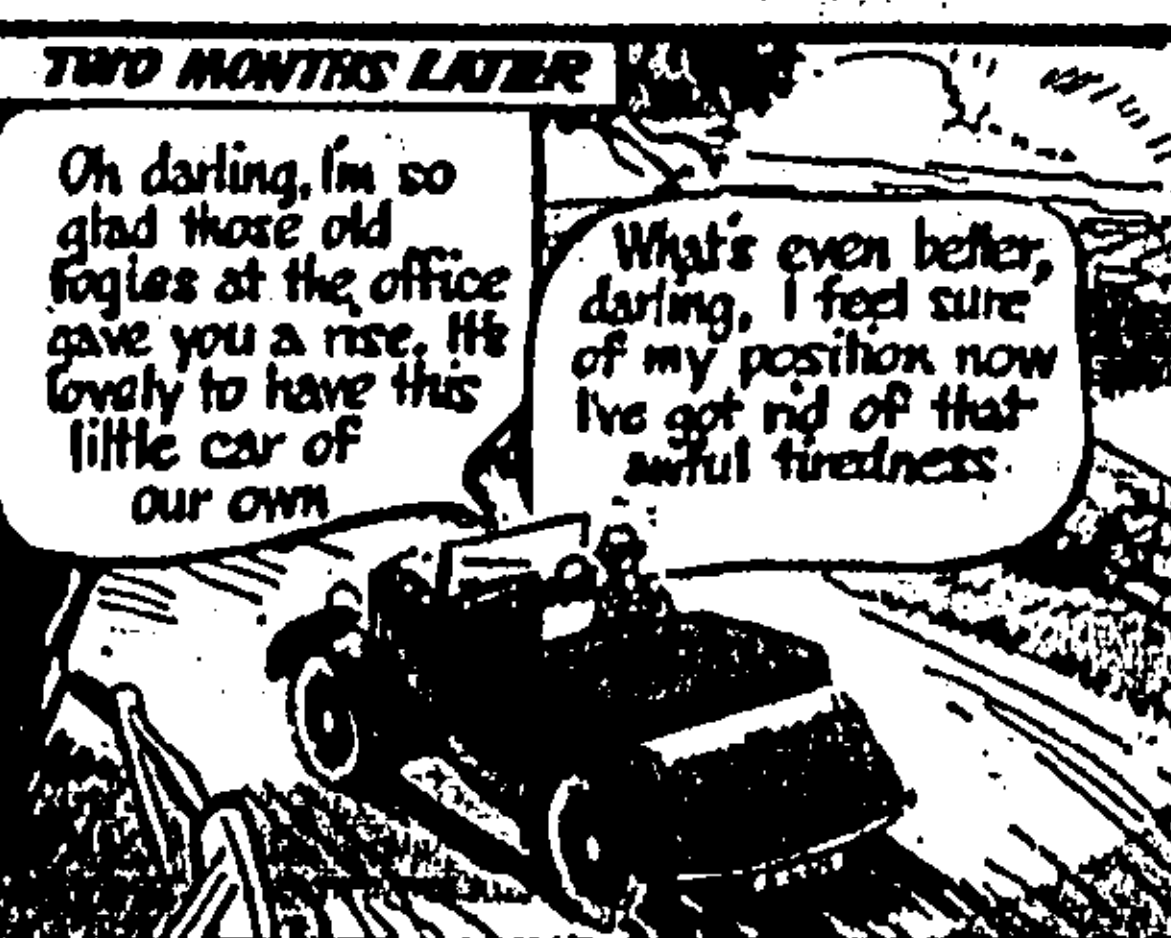
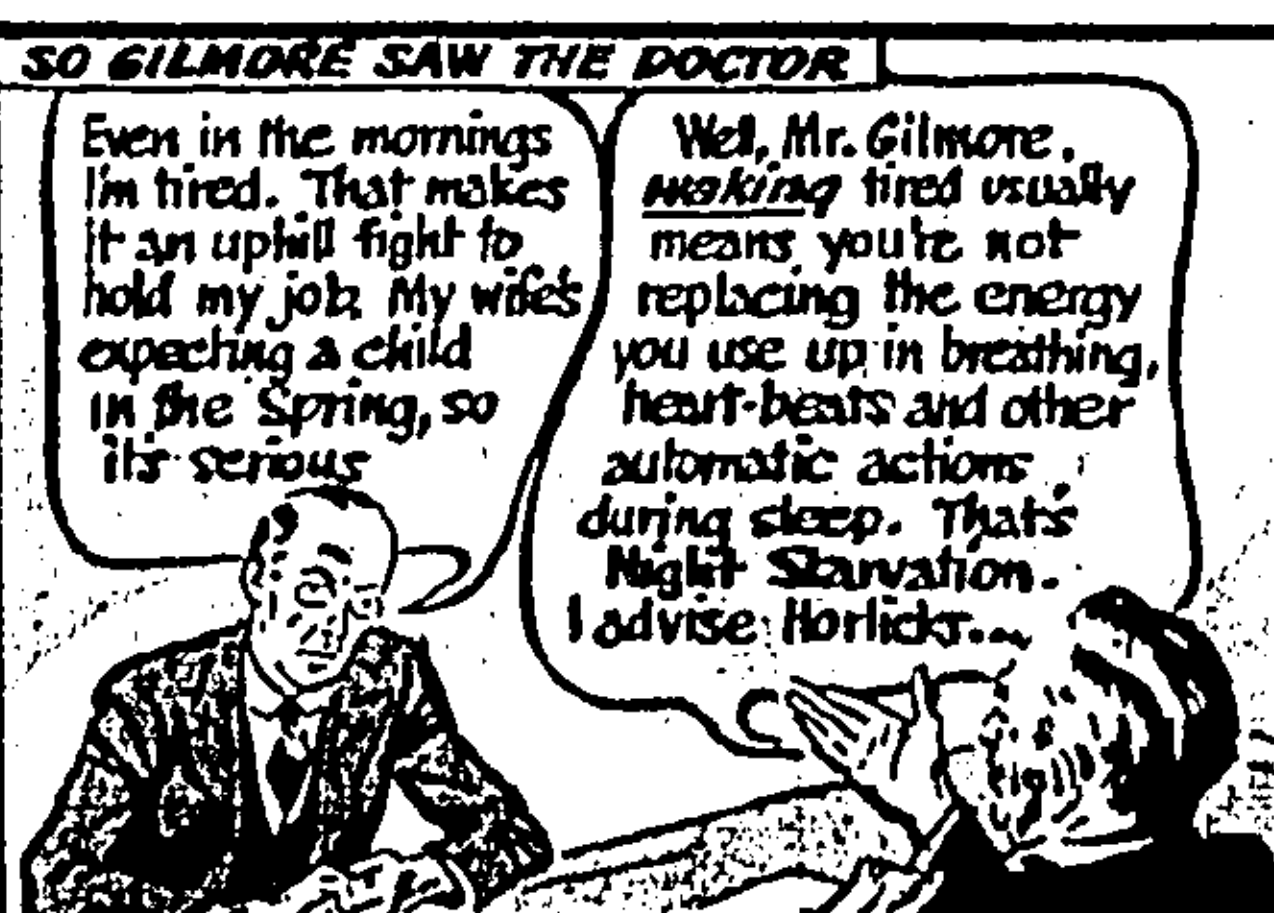
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150 Raids On Railway Line

Hankow, Mar. 8. In the five months since September Japanese planes have bombed the Canton-Hankow railway 150 times, declares the Shun Pao to-day. Over 1,433 bombs have been dropped, 17 railway employees killed and 15 wounded, averaging one death for every 85 bombs and one wounded for every 55.

Although the roadbed, bridges, tracks, stations and sleepers have been destroyed many times, they have been repaired promptly and the repair work is now even better than before as the railway gangs are better experienced to meet the situation.

Last month a bridge guardman was killed by a plane's machine gun while waving a red flag to stop an oncoming train from crossing a damaged bridge. A special pension has been given to his family.—United Press.

FOR REPLENISHMENT

Japanese Send for More Planes in South

CARRIERS LEAVE COAST

Canton, Mar. 7. It was confirmed this morning that one of the Japanese seaplane carriers has left her base off Tongkawan for Formosa to obtain provisions and replacement of new planes, as several of them were brought down by Chinese fighters in Nam Hing, north Kwangtung, on February 24.

It is rumoured that the remaining seaplane carrier left Tongkawan waters for Pakhoi in order to prepare for another raid on cities in Kwangsi. The objective, it is believed, is to wipe out the Kwangsi air force. The garrison headquarters here has received such a report, but confirmation is lacking.—Special.

QUIET IN CANTON

Defence Prepared Despite Absence of Raids

Canton, Mar. 8. Canton has just passed one of its quietest weeks since the outbreak of

hostilities. With the exception of an aerial visitation on Sunday, in which the main objective appeared to be the Bocca Tigris, Japanese planes have been ominously absent.

Chinese reports of a concentration of Japanese warships off Fukien, and similar rumours, failed to excite the local populace. Chinese officials, and also foreign sources, expect a further respite, and in this connection the rainy weather doubtless will be an important consideration on the part of the Japanese.

Although the city is carrying on almost normally, a report from a magistrate in a country district confirms that military activity and defence preparation are proceeding apace.—Reuter.

HOIHOW FORTS BOMBED

Hoihow, Mar. 3. Two Japanese cruisers called at this port on March 1 after an absence of exactly one month. It is thought that these ships were on their return trip from the southern part of the island, where it was reported a few days ago an attack had been made at Yu Lin Harbour. While at Hoihow a seaplane flew over the Shaunging Forts at a high altitude. Two bombs were dropped outside the fortress area and no serious damage was done. The ships and plane left early yesterday morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

PAKHOI ATTACKED

Japanese Machine-gunned And Bombed Streets

News received in Hongkong says that Japanese aeroplanes made a severe attack on Pakhoi in southern Kwangtung on March 3. The information came from reliable sources. The Japanese planes flew low over the city, firing into the streets with their machine-guns. They also dropped a number of bombs. It is inevitable, from the information available, that casualties were numerous.

BATTLE AT SIAM

Siam, Mar. 8. Indicative of the strengthening of air defence in Siam, a squadron of Chinese planes took to the air this afternoon to intercept 19 Japanese planes which came to raid the Siam capital. In the combat one of the Japanese

THREATS TO SALT GABELLE

Income Falling Off In Recent Months

Shanghai, Mar. 8. The administration of China's Salt Gabelle, the income from which has been the biggest security for China's foreign debts next to Customs revenue, is now threatened by the Japanese who propose to take over the administration headquarters at Shanghai.

The Shanghai headquarters are responsible for interest payments to foreign bondholders in respect of British, American, French and Japanese loans totalling just over £12,000,000, secured on the Gabelle. Negotiations are proceeding between the members of the administration and the Japanese authorities in Shanghai, also through diplomatic channels in Tokyo, in an effort to reach a satisfactory settlement.

The administrators of the Gabelle are a body of 25 foreigners, including six British, who are stationed in various parts of China. The Americans hold the key points in the Shanghai headquarters.

The income is collected on salt at places of production throughout China and the salt is not taxed on sale. Accordingly, since the war the income received by the Shanghai headquarters has steadily deteriorated as the Japanese have taken over collection in the areas occupied by them.

Nevertheless, there is still a considerable income being managed by the Shanghai administrators and in point of fact the service on debts so far has been met in all cases except Japanese loans totalling slightly over £2,000,000, over which negotiations at present are also taking place.—Reuter.

machines was said to have been damaged and crashed. The local authorities are combing the countryside for its wreckage.

Bombs were dropped by the raiders in the outskirts of the city.—Central News.

Alfred Sze May Head Provisional Government

Shanghai, Mar. 8. Chinese rumours say that Dr. Alfred Sze, former Chinese Ambassador to America, will head the Central China Provisional Government, due to Mr. Tong Shao-yi's age and illness.

It is pointed out that Dr. Sze was never on good terms with the Nationalists even when he was Ambassador to Washington. Chinese reports recalled that Dr. Sze actually was recalled from Washington.

It is said that at that time the Central News in Nanking set afloat the story that Dr. Sze was asked to return to China, which was intended to inform Dr. Sze that his recall was forthcoming unless he resigned. It is also said that Dr. Sze previously had no intention of retiring.

However, most responsible quarters discredit rumours that Dr. Sze might head the Provisional Government. Dr. Sze is at present in Shanghai.—United Press.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus (Clifford Grey); Heaven In A Song (From 'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus—Clifford Grey).

10.00 Egon Peiri at the Piano. Concert Study In D. Flat Major (Liszt); Indianisches Tagebuch (Busoni).

10.12 Elgar—Symphony No. 1 in A Flat Major, Op. 55. Played by London Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

11.00 Close Down.

FRENCH WARSHIP IN FIGHT

Minor Engagement With Insurgents Two Wounded Landed

Perpignan, Mar. 8. The French destroyer Poursuivante is believed to have been involved in a minor engagement with two Spanish insurgent patrol boats off the coast of France yesterday, but no official confirmation is available. The destroyer suddenly put out yesterday and a little later explosions were heard at sea. Two ships were seen.

The Poursuivante shortly after landed two of her crew who were slightly injured at Port Vendres.

It is believed this was due to insurgent fire. The commander of the Poursuivante, however, declared they were injured during firing practice.—Reuter.

STEAMER DAMAGED

London, Mar. 8. Lloyd's have received a message from Alicante stating that the British tanker Maryad was damaged slightly as a result of an aerial torpedo on March 6 at 10 p.m.—United Press.

ATTACK ON MADRID

Hendaye, Mar. 7. The German Air Squadrons under the command of General Franco today blasted the Loyalist positions in Central Spain, reviving reports that a dual offensive against Madrid and Belchite is imminent.

Loyalist authorities state that over 70,000 Italians are massed north-east of Madrid and 30,000 more are arriving soon.

Twenty-seven insurgent bombers from Saragossa concentrated attacks throughout the day on the Ebro Valley, showering hundreds of bombs on the Loyalist positions.—United Press.

PORT BOU BOMBED

Madrid, Mar. 8. Five insurgent planes dropped 20 bombs at Port Bou to-day. The chief damage was caused to the railway station.—United Press.

CARTAGENA BOMBED

Barcelona, March 8. Four insurgent air raids were made on Cartagena subsequent to the return of the Loyalist fleet after its victorious encounter with insurgent warships yesterday.

It is officially stated that the attacks did little damage and the Loyalist vessels were untouched.—Reuter Bulletin.

COMMERCE EXAM. RESULTS

The local Board of Examination Committee of the Faculty of Secretaries and Institute of Commerce, have received the pass list for the examination of last December. The successful students are:

Commerce. — Tong Chui-cheung, Chan Cui-cheung, Fung Hok-ling, Leung Tung-chun, Lam Sit-hon, Ho Chin-lun, (Students of Government Evening Institute). To Ming-ho, Joseph Y. Van, Huynh Cong-dang, Abdul Robb Abbas, Chan Kew, Michael Chow, Ta. Coa-hue, Lee Koon-lan, Maycock, (Students of H. K. Commercial Institute).

Secretaries. — Chan Shun-shui (Distinction awarded with a bronze medal), Ho Che-leung, Ng Yuen-tuen, Robert Joseph Maycock, Hon Chun-wan, Ip Yee-wah, Chan Kew, Choi Sik-hung, Leung Kam-woo, Ye Che-kong, Abbas Abdul Rashid, (Students of H. K. Commercial Institute).



S. O. S.

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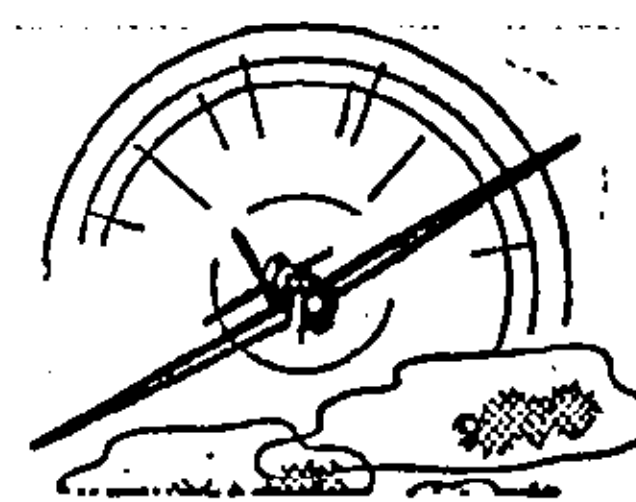
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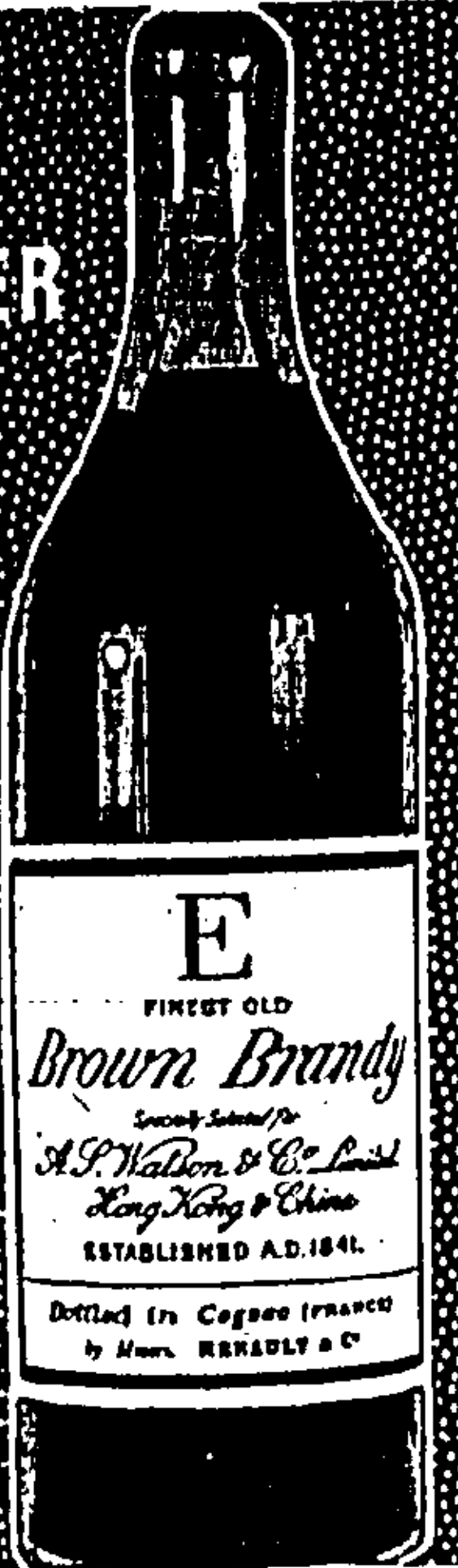
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1938.

FAIR PLAY FOR LANDLORDS

Yesterday, in this column, a writer discussed the so-called "Rent Ramp" in Hongkong and intimated that the remedy lay in the reform of the system which allows investment for profit. He journeyed, for a little, into the realm of the abstract; and he suggested that British people may be fundamentally wrong in their generally accepted views on economics. At least that is how many will interpret the words, and may not agree with them. However, there is no intention to argue here the merits, or otherwise, of the capitalistic system. Perhaps it suits the British mentality. It seems to have served very well.

But the immediate problem facing Hongkong calls for another sort of remedy. It is not feasible to suggest that the rent evil can be corrected by destroying the investment scheme, or the investor, for upon that system this Colony is built; and only as long as it survives will Hongkong flourish. But a measure of rent control does not mean socialism. It calls for the exercising of ordinary common-sense. No one, from the staunchest of conservatives to the hottest liberal (and we are not using the word in the political sense) likes the idea of profiteering. Especially is there a strong feeling against money-grabbing in a time of emergency and profiting from the misfortunes of others. A reasonable return on investments is desirable from the point of view of every citizen, whether he owns property or not. For prosperity of any class or section of society is, to some extent, of benefit to the whole. What Hongkong people do object to is a piling of profit on profit, and an attempt to make up for slim earnings in the past by raising beyond a fair level the present selling price of any commodity or possession, whether it is flour or butter or motor cars or floor-space.

In ordinary times a man is entitled to build a house or a block of flats and ask whatever rent he likes. He is entitled to a hundred per cent. per annum on his investment—if he can get it. Conditions are generally such, however, that he will come down to the competitive level if he has any business sense. That is his personal affair. It is only when circumstances alter radically, when an emergency occurs and living quarters are crowded and at a premium that Government authority should step in and say: "Charge this much, which is a fair return on your investment, for this property is needed



WAITER: "WILL YOU BE TAKING ANY MORE TONNAGE—ER—I MEAN SPINACH, GENTS?"
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—Strube in the Daily Express.

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ON a misty morning in early November, 17 years ago, I stood on the aerodrome at Hounslow, and watched a tiny aeroplane ascend and disappear on its way to Paris, carrying the

first air-mail load to be consigned by the Post Office on the commercial flying routes between London and the Continent.

That little 360-h.p. transport-plane carried a load of 400lb., and it flew at 80 miles an hour. The other day—epitomising 17 years of British air progress—I saw the giant British transport aircraft, Sanopus, the last word in modern commercial design, leave to inaugurate the new all-in air mail service to Singapore—longest and cheapest air route in the world.

This machine carries a crew of five. It has day saloons for 24 passengers and sleeping berths for 16. And, in comparison with the one small bag of letters carried by that first mail-plane of 1919, it can carry a mail load of approximately three tons.

Vast Mileage

WHEN commercial aviation began we had just one 250-miles route between London and Paris. To-day British mail loads, leaving London by air, are flown over nearly 30,000 miles of European and Empire routes and 30,000,000 letters a year are carried.

In 1919, throughout the world, there were only 3,000 miles of organised airways. To-day the

to house a population which has as much right to live here as you have."

The rights of private individuals must be respected—until they come into collision with the rights of the public. In a state of real emergency individuals are likely to find their goods and property commandeered, and the price they will get for their possessions may not be, in their minds, anything like their worth. But if the Government, which is the public, needs them, automobiles or houses must be surrendered.

So it is with living quarters in Hongkong at the present. If landlords are not reasonable in their demands for rental—and it is for the Government to decide what is fair charge—there ought to be a way of forcing them to conform with the exigencies of the times. It is not suggested that the remedy is confiscation. But it is suggested that anyone who has a complaint should have some place to air it besides the columns of the daily newspapers. He should be able to go to a body of experts, disinterested men, who will say whether or not he is paying too much rent and request his landlord to meet their request for reconsideration. The bright, and sometimes painful, light of publicity would probably be all that was required to effect a remedy.

By Harry HARPER

the well-known authority
on the history of flying.

total is approaching 300,000 miles.

At the present time, the British Empire has the distinction of leading the world in commercial air route mileage in operation.

The latest official figures are:
British Empire, 53,291 miles;
United States, 52,461;
France, 24,451;
Germany, 22,291;
Netherlands, 12,898.

To-day there are fundamental commercial issues which govern airway operation, just as they govern that of trains or steamships. In the air there are commercial speeds that pay and three are speeds that do not.

Speed And Comfort

RELYING on far greater subsidies than are available in this country, foreign enterprise is, in certain cases, piling up air speed to a point which, though spectacular and gratifying to national pride, is definitely uneconomic for commercial flying, and would be impossible to maintain were it not for heavy financial backing from the State.

Britain is now putting on her Empire routes flying-boats which, in their combination of speed, reliability, comfort for passengers, and ability to carry commercial loads, represent the most successful combination of a number of varying qualities that has so far been evolved.

These big 18-ton air-boats can attain a maximum speed of just on 200 miles an hour; while when carrying their full loads they are capable of maintaining a cruising speed of 160 miles an hour.

The speed, for a really large type of aircraft carrying heavy loads, and providing sleeping as well as day accommodation for its passengers, represents a reasonably economic air speed for commercial purposes at the present time.

The Subsidies

BRITISH air transport has been told that it must eventually learn to fly without subsidies. If the Government calls for still higher speeds, British commercial aviation is ready to answer that call. But such increased speeds will cost more money.

It has been calculated that during a recent period of twelve

years America has paid more than £30,000,000 in air mail subsidies. During the same period the British Government granted only about £3,500,000 in subsidies to Imperial Airways.

Abroad subsidies have been lavished on a form of civil aviation which has a definitely military background.

Here our subsidies have been on an extremely modest scale, and British commercial aviation has been making its aircraft carry bigger loads for any given horse-power, and has been encouraging more and more people to fly by giving them the best possible combination of speed, safety, reliability, and comfort.

Figures for a recent period of 12 months show that big British luxury aeroplanes, flying in and out of

Smaller Policemen & Soldiers, but— MAN is GROWING TALLER

says
John Crofton

LIFE is a misfit. The future is stiff with giants, but no one wants them.

Europeans stand two inches taller than their grandfathers, and behold our grandsons, the doctors and anthropologists say, will soar three, possibly four, inches higher still. Remoter descendants yet may look like trees, as men, walking. But this is all the height of folly. Already, to-day, a giant has the impulse to go into the garden and eat serpents.

A recent pronouncement by Scotland Yard was another cut at lofty pride. The minimum height for the Metropolitan Police was reduced by one inch to 5ft. 8in. That means comparative pygmies will soon wear that sky-scraping helmet which (like the Guardsman's bearskin) was invented to add to formidable stature a still more elongated look.

"I challenge him . . ."

FIVE feet eight—only three inches above the average Englishman! I challenge the Commissioner of Police to say: How long does he suppose that visitors to his Metropolitan will go on thinking his policemen wonderful?

These jabs, such as the lowering of the height standard for the police and the Army, make us—I mean the stalwart fellows who can knock a forehead against the 6ft. 6in. mark—feel embarrassed and small. Well, not small, anachronistic.

We think of the times when stature was a good reliable commodity. We recall how eagerly Frederick the Great combed the nations for his Potsdam Guards, men averaging two yards and six inches.

To-day mechanisation and science do more than rob the really tall of an ancient aristocratic superiority; they put us at a disadvantage. The tanks or surplus avoirdupois in their bombers—any more than the police require giants at the wheel of their bandit-chasers.

In the hey-day of halberd, pike, and sword we were worth three; now we are just a nuisance at the cinema.

Lifting our Wives

WE tire of being asked how the weather is up there, if we can spare an old shoe for baby's cradle, of playing the con-

tionist in hotel beds, of genuflecting before other people's mirrors and of bending like an ox over a manger at other people's tables. We tire even of lifting our wives on the hall chair to kiss them goodbye in the morning.

But there is a more subtle trouble which lessers, thus happier, mortals rarely comprehend. It is that between the man of 6ft. 6in. and the ordinary run of mankind a gloomy psychological barrier is set.

I have never noticed a St. Bernard and a collection of terriers amicably "getting-together." And thus it is—we giants disconcert the lower human animals.

However kindly disposed, they cannot take us into their confidence. They can never put the hand of good fellowship on our remote shoulders. They get a crick in the brain when talking to us.

Little men are often colossal pests to us. They remind us (standing on tiptoe with their heads flung back) that Alexander and Napoleon were of about their inches, that Nelson stood below average height, that Beethoven was rather short, and that Keats and Shelley towered in mind, but not in body.

How detestable are these commonplace midge-men. The temptation is to put a hand in one's trouser-pocket and rattle the loose change in their face.

Still, up to 6ft. 6in. one can maintain some liaison with the world. Things might be worse—3ft. 2in. worse if you take, for example, Said Mahomed Gazeel, of Cairo, whose 9ft. 8in. frame disappears nightly into a bed which is King Farouk's special gift to his mightiest subject. It will have to be a telescopic bed—Said is still growing.

So is Robert Wadlow, the 19-years-old Illinois schoolboy, who, when last heard of three months ago, was 8ft. 7in. For him, Elsa van Droyen, the German girl of 8ft. 4in., might be a tolerable match.

THE "VERY IDEA"

Empressive Sight In Our Harbour

By Lord Eddie Kelly

WE have just been hobnobbing with Royalty and the blue-bloods aboard the Empress of Britain.

Their blood is so blue that they carry a bottle of Stephen's Ink around with them, just in case they're feeling anaemic.

Armed with gold coins and bank drafts and other little-known currencies, these tourists will shortly invade our shops.

Despite their wealth they will drive so hard a bargain that they will beat the unfortunate shop-keeper's prices down to a measly 150 per cent. above ordinary local charges.

These tourists should be warned about beggars. Last year there was a man named Shraw aboard. When his companions said "Come, Shraw!" they were mobbed.

An amazing number of camphorwood boxes will be sold to the tourists.

Still, we suppose that is what they camphor.

They also came to see the sights. This, of course, is no reflection on ladies who live on the Peak.

The Empress of Britain is the largest ship to berth at the Kowloon wharf. It must have been a wondrously ticklish job taking her alongside. If we were on the bridge we'd be scared stiff that we were going to pilot up.

Still, the Britain should have no difficulty in berthing anywhere. We notice it carries a Peer.

Let us away from this noisome office.

THE NETHERLANDS' NEW ROYAL BABY



PRINCESS BEATRIX—TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OLD



Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands admires tip-tilted nose of his daughter Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, twenty-four hours old when picture was taken.

Prison Keys Stolen:
Locks All Changed

Vienna. STATE locksmiths piled into a wagon recently and hurried down to the Grey House, Vienna's largest prison, to alter every lock. It will cost £250.

It is necessary because Josef Swoboda, forty-three-year-old brush-maker, serving seven years for theft, walked out of the prison in the blue jacket of a warder. In a pocket he found all the master keys of the prison.

Swoboda was captured this morning, but said he had thrown the keys in the Danube. The authorities cannot take the risk of some one finding them.

The Bob-an-Hour Bar

Time, gentlemen, please, has a new meaning in Budapest. Time on draught and beer by the hour—that's the new system of drinking invented by a publican there.

Instead of paying for drinks in his pub you pay a shilling an hour and drink as much as you like in that time.

Each customer is handed an alarm clock along with his first drink, set to ring one hour from that moment.

On the first day of the new system Mr. I. Katz beat the clock by drinking 12 pints of wine in the hour.

But the system has caught on—and it is paying the publican.

EMPIRE
NEWSAGENT-GENERAL FOR
VICTORIA

Melbourne. Mr. A. L. Bussau has been appointed Agent-General in London for the State of Victoria, in succession to Mr. M. W. J. Bouchier.

Mr. Bussau is a member of the Victoria Cabinet. He holds the portfolio of Transport and is also Solicitor-General, Attorney-General and a vice-president of the Board of Land and Works.—Reuter.

LORD GALWAY LEAVES
FOR AUSTRALIA

Wellington. Viscount Galway, Governor-General of New Zealand, and Viscountess Galway left for Australia to-day to attend the 150th anniversary celebrations opening next Wednesday.

The Minister for Internal Affairs, Mr. W. E. Parry, representative of the Government at the celebrations, has already left.—Reuter.

Empire Games Team.—New Zealand's Empire Games contingent of 64 left for Sydney to-night.—Reuter.

INCREASED STEEL
PRODUCTION

Cape Town. Foreshadowing the production of more steel and electric power in the Union, Dr. H. J. Van der Bijl, Chairman of the Steel Corporation and Electricity Commission, who has just returned from England, said that this was essential because of the great expansion of the country's industries.

He also spoke of large-scale production of petrol by the hydrogenation process, and referred to the need for more external capital, particularly for the mining industry.

SEVEN GENERATIONS
HAVE WORN ONE
FROCK, NOW USED BY
DUTCH ROYAL BABY

BEATRIX ("Bringer of Happiness") WILHELMINA ARMAGARD, Princess Juliana's daughter, was first photographed by her father one day after her birth. In picture above, taken with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, she is wearing a lace dress brought from Waldeck by the late Queen-Mother Emma. It was worn by Princess Juliana—and five generations before her. Resting on a silk cushion the baby was carried to palace registration ceremony witnessed by Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. H. Colijn.

HINDU LEADER TESTS
REJUVENATION CURE
BY PRIEST "AGED 172"

Allahabad.

REMARKABLE results of a rejuvenation cure which the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, 75-years-old Hindu leader, is undergoing at the hands of a priest, reputed to be 172, is reported here.

The treatment, known as the kayakalp rejuvenation, is carried out in a specially prepared room.

After one week's treatment, it is reported that Pandit Malaviya's eyesight is improved, his hand has lost its tremor of old age, and he sleeps better.

The Pandit Malaviya was formerly vice-chancellor of Benares University. Famous Nationalist, he has visited London on several occasions, once with Gandhi.

Regarding England as "untouchable," he carried with him casks of Ganges water with which to purify English soil and to remove the "contamination" of handshakes with Europeans.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.02 Sam Browne (Baritone) and Gerald and His Orchestra. Evergreen—Film Theme Songs Selection. Gerald and His Sweet Music; The Star And The Rose (Young and Schwartz); If I Had Rhythm In My Nursery Rhymes (Luncheon and Chaplin). Sun Browne with The Rhythm Sisters; La Violetera (Granier and Padilla); (Wilhelm); El Relencio (Padilla). Gerald's Gaucho Tango Orchestra; Careless Rapture—Selection (Novello, Hassall). Gerald and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Lalo—Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra. (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Georg Szell.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Variety Items.

Organ w. Violin—Serenade (Mousorgsky); Song Of Paradise (Kling); Reginald Foort. At the B.B.C. Theatre Organ and Alfredo Campoli (Violin); Dance Orch.—It's The Natural Thing To Do—Fox Trot (From 'Double or Nothing'); Say 'Si, Si'—Rumba. Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

7.12 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.15 London Relay—'Take Your Choice'.

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7.45 London Relay—Songs Of The Seasons.

No. 2—'Summer'; Ten minutes summer-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton, The Three Graces, and The Band Presented by William MacLurg.

7.55 Dance Music. I Still Love To Kiss You Good-night—Slow Fox-Trot (From '32nd Street'); Dance The Moonlight Waltz With Me—Waltz. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Song Recital by Anna Lovtsoff (Soprano) accompanied by Nura Kant.

1. Aria Kumi—(From the opera 'Charodelka'—Tchaikovsky); 2. Kolibelnaya—(From the opera 'Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov); 3. Tzvetiki—(Orlova); 4. Travoushka—(Fomin).

8.30 London Relay—'Golden Rose.' A Musical Play. Book by Henrik Ege, based on an idea by Annette Mills. A Selection of the BBC Men's Choir and the BBC Variety Orchestra. Conducted by Mark H. Lubbock. Production by Archie Campbell. Music and lyrics by Annette Mills.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor). Simple Little Melody (From 'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus—Clifford Grey); Smile For Me (From 'Continued on Page 5.')



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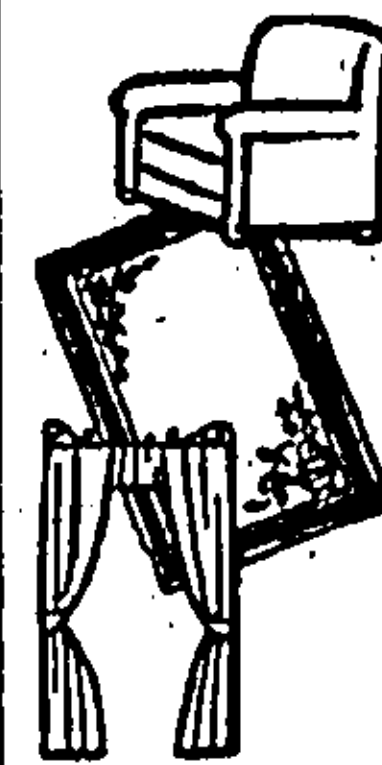
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MEN WHO COUNT MOST IN A FOOTBALL TEAM

How A Famous Manager Would Spend £10,000

By Arbitrator (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Jan. 26.

"If you were given £10,000 with which to buy a new team, how would you apportion it among the players?"

The question was put to me by Mr. Albert Gliksten, Charlton's chairman. But he did not attempt to answer it.

"£10,000! That would buy a man and a boy," said Mr. Harry Storer, the Coventry City manager. But he agreed that it was an intriguing question which made one seriously consider the value of players in a team sense.

"Without putting an actual price on men," he said, "this is my idea of how a team should be constructed—three defenders (two backs and a centre half) and a goalkeeper, four craftsmen (two wing halves and two inside forwards), and three others to carry on their work (a centre and two wing forwards).

Mr. George Liddell, the Birmingham manager, was more explicit, though he too protested that £10,000 was a completely inadequate sum for the purpose, adding "the jump in transfer fees is a burden on all clubs."

A BIG DIFFERENCE

The difference between a player's worth and what had to be paid for his transfer was in Mr. Liddell's experience:

| Players' worth | Price to be paid |
|----------------|------------------|
| £2,500-£2,750 | £2,000-£2,200 |
| £2,100-£2,150 | £2,300-£2,400 |
| £2,000-£2,250 | £2,500-£2,600 |
| £3,000-£2,400 | £2,800 |

Is there any hope of clubs returning to sanity, he asks, and paying only the fees they can afford?

"If you limit me to spending £10,000 on a team," Mr. Liddell said, "I should set apart at least £9,000 for the two best inside forwards I could get for the price. I would pay another £2,000 for a wing forward, and the remaining £2,000 on a wing half."

The whole £10,000 would go on four men. If he bought an outside right he would spend on a constructive left half. If the forward was on the left his best wing half would be on the opposite flank.

He added, "I would like a little more to spend on a back with experience, round about the 30 mark in age who might give steadiness to the defence. The other players would, of course, have to be young and in the rough."

BARNEY ROSS TO DEFEND TITLE

New York, Mar. 8. The boxing promoter, Mike Jacobs, announces that Barney Ross will defend his world welterweight title against the negro, Henry Armstrong, present holder of the world featherweight title, in a 15-round contest on May 26.—Reuter.



No!—the players in this picture are not resting. This mix-up is the result of a scramble in the Villa Colomouth at Fulham recently. After they had sorted themselves out several players received attention for minor injuries.

BRADDOCK AROUSES SYMPATHY

Farr Has No Power In Punches

By A. Boxing Correspondent

London, Jan. 23.

In spite of national feeling and the keen anxiety that Farr should overcome the first of the obstacles to his chance for another match for the world championship, there must have been many listeners on this side whose sympathies went out to Braddock as he entered the ring. Ten years the older man, and nearly as many pounds the lighter, shorter in the reach, and slower, the Irishman had nothing in his favour but his long experience. The betting was 2 to 1 against him, and, as the broadcaster said, American sporting writers were unanimous that nothing but a miracle could save Braddock. As, however, the old boxer says of the journalists in Hemmingway's story, "Fifty Grand!"

"They're always wrong, ain't they?"

Probably Farr was handicapped by the importance to him of the occasion. For the Welshman the contest was a step towards the championship and great wealth; for Braddock it was just one more fight. With everything to gain by winning, Farr was matched against a man who had nothing to lose, but whose race and record ensured that he would fight desperately, whatever the odds. And Farr's lack of a finishing punch was heavily against him in a ten-round contest. Farr weighed 14 st. 11 lb. more than he has ever scaled before, while Braddock was 14 st. 3½ lb. of which 6 or 7 lb. at least must have been superfluous.

FOUGHT TO PLAN

The contest itself seems to have been interesting. Farr throughout appears to have fought to plan, battering away at his opponent's body, probably tempted by his opponent's fleshiness. Braddock, on the contrary, seems to have followed the alleged maxim of Napoleon, "I never plan a battle. I engage, and feel my way."

Farr apparently was fast and, crutching and weaving in his characteristic style, drove his left to the face and bored in for the body. Braddock's ribs were soon badly bruised, and Farr would have had the better of the earlier rounds had it not been for his hitting low, which lost him the third round and possibly more.

By the sixth round Braddock's legs were coming in for attention, and it looked as though Farr's chance had come. But the Irishman had evidently decided that Farr could not hit hard enough to stop him, and for the last four rounds fought very hard, and landed some heavy punches to Farr's head. From listening to the broadcast I expected a draw, but after what seemed a long delay a win for Braddock was announced. Probably the low punches turned the scale against Farr.

UNFORTUNATE FOR FARR

The result is unfortunate for the Welshman, who would have been better suited by a 15-round contest. It should be remembered that Braddock, after all, is an ex-champion of the world, and the fight was over ten rounds only, which prevented age from telling its accustomed tale. It is a pity that Farr left the ring as apparently he did, for his future in the States will now be very doubtful, and he needs all the popularity he can get.

It is said that the boxers will get the equivalent of about £4,000 each. Farr might have done better than this in London, but if the day of immense purses is all to the good, Farr is still very young for a heavy-weight, and should gain useful experience from his contest with Braddock. If he keeps his head he should soon win his way back to the position of challenger for the world title. But there is no denying that his defeat by Braddock is a disappointment. If only he had a heavier punch! But unfortunately hitters are born, not made.

FINLAND PREPARED TO HOLD 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES

Plans Drawn Up For Eventuality

Paris, Mar. 1.

The evening paper *Paris Soir* published an article from its Helsinki correspondent today stating that Finland was prepared to organize the 1940 Olympic Games in the event that Japan is forced to give up her plans owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The paper published an interview between its correspondent and the Finnish Home Minister, M. Kekkonen. "We are not asking for anything," the latter stated, "but if we are to take Japan's place, we are ready."

On the other hand, M. Frenckell, President of various Finnish sports federations, told the correspondent that everything had been planned for an eventuality of the games taking place in Finland.

PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED

Meanwhile, M. Francois Pietri, former Minister and at present French delegate to the congress of the International Olympic Committee, which is to decide whether the games will take place in Tokyo, sailed for Cairo on the steamer *Champion*.

The other French delegates will be M. de Polignac and M. Glandaz. The congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation was held here this afternoon when the proceedings were concluded.

The Japanese delegate on behalf of the Japanese Olympic Committee, asked for permission to hold the 1940 games in October owing to the intense heat prevailing in Japan during the months of August and September.

The German, Swedish, and Italian delegates backed the request, while the British, American, and French delegates strongly objected. The latter stressed that students could not take part in the games if they were held in October, and that the games would lose a part of their interest and prestige if students were not present.

LONG DISCUSSION

The discussion on this point lasted for three quarters of an hour, and it was finally decided to submit the problem to the International Congress in Cairo.

The Japanese delegate stressed that the Olympic Games would be organized in Tokyo even if the "China Incident" were still not settled.—Havas.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT FINALS

DATES NOW FIXED

Arrangements in connection with the semi-finals and finals of the Hongkong badminton championships were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Badminton Association yesterday, at which the Rev. J. R. Higgs presided.

It was agreed that a sub-committee should arrange for the semi-finals to be played during next week, and that the finals should be played on two evenings, the second one to include the presentation of league and championship prizes.

The men's single final, together with a programme of exhibition matches will be played, providing permission of the club is obtained, at the Talkoo Recreation Club on Wednesday, March 23. The finals of the mixed doubles and men's doubles will be played at Presentation Night, on Friday, March 25. This will, it is hoped, take place at the Club de Recreio.

Fuller details of these events will be announced later.

UNIVERSITY'S HOPES DASHED BY RECREIO

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ENDS IN TRIPLE TIE

(By "Abe")

University's hopes of winning the "A" Division Badminton League Championship outright were spoiled last evening when undergraduates visited the Club de Recreio at King's Park and defeated by six games to three after a terrific fight. A win for University would have given them the championship, but Recreio has now placed three teams, the University "A", "B", and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (assuming they beat the Recreio in their postponed fixture) on level terms.

As only to be expected with two such teams in opposition, play was of a high standard throughout. Every point was eagerly contested especially at the early stages when the issue was still in the balance. But by the end of the first round when the two leading University pairs had been humbled, Recreio's prospects were exceedingly bright, though it was not until the last round was reached that they were able to win the necessary five sets for victory.

To P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong in every match the undergraduates have played this season has fallen the task of putting the University "A" in the lead in the first game of the evening. Until last night, these two had never failed to do so; but they met their Waterloo at last when they were up against A. M. Silva and L. A. Carvalho. Proving extremely steady, the home pair outplayed Hui and inflicted on the latter combination their first League defeat this season.

WORSE TO FOLLOW

This was ominous from the University's point of view, but even worse was to follow. Following up their side's advantage, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios ran away with a lead of 19-9 against T. F. Yong and K. S. Liew and should have won comfortably. When Yong and Liew pulled up a bit, the Recreio pair became shaky and allowed the game to be "settled" before they won out at 24-20.

The lead was reduced when the respective third pairs, H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves, of the Recreio, and C. O. and C. K. Lee, of the University, clashed, the latter winning by 24-21. It was a bitterly-fought game, with the score very close all the time.

Out to make amends for their lapse in the first round, Hui and Yong made short work of Oliveira and Remedios. Right from the start, they looked as if they meant business, and after taking a lead of 7-0, they won by 21-10.

The turning point in the match was when T. F. Yong and Liew, leading by 18-14, were beaten 21-18 by Barros and Alves. Instead of giving the University a 3-2 lead, Yong and Liew lost their opportunity and Recreio never looked back again. Liew was entirely off form and his efforts to cover too much of the court did not improve matters at all. University's fate was sealed when Carvalho and Silva trounced the two Lee's, and Recreio commenced the third round in the commanding position of 4-2 ahead.

MATCH CLINCHED

Even a victory by K. L. Yong and Hui over Alves and Barros failed to dash the undergraduates' hopes. The match was clinched in the next game, Carvalho and Silva scoring their third success, this time against T. F. Yong and Liew. With the encounter already decided, the concluding game was an anti-climax, Oliveira and Remedios easily beating the two Lee's by 21-8.

The outstanding pair of the evening were Carvalho and Silva. I say this not because they won all their three matches, but because they gave a display far surpassing that of every



K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui. Defeat was a new experience.

other pair in consistency and endurance of brilliance. If they revealed the heights which K. L. Yong and Hui reached at times, they did so for the difference by their sound steadiness. Carvalho "was" overhand and Silva, in the fourth, scored many points with a shot which was in almost perfecting order.

The best bit of work by Silva and Remedios was their set of 21 against Yong and Liew which went long way towards lifting the tie of the side. Conceding to be the best of the three Recreio pairings, and Alves never allowed himself to be intimidated by the caution and their efforts were rewarded when they beat T. F. Yong and Liew in the second round to re-establish the lead of their side.

It was probably unfortunate the undergraduates that K. L. Yong and Hui should drop their first League game is such an important quarter, but Yong was not quite himself and there is no denying the fact that Carvalho and Silva were of value for their victory.

T. F. Yong and Liew to the greatest disappointment of the University side. Yong was quite steady throughout, but Liew made innumerable blunders. As for the third pair, the two Lee's, the undergraduates themselves did not expect more than one game from them.

A large number of spectators were present at the match and were rewarded by a fine exhibition. There were many thrilling rallies in the course of the evening, among the encounter one of the best so far in the League this season.

Scores:

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui 21-11; beat K. S. Liew and T. F. Yong 21-10; beat C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee 21-10; M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios lost to Yong and Hui 10-21; beat Liew and Yong 24-20; beat Lee and Lee 21-8; H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves lost to Hui and Yong 10-21; beat Liew and Yong 21-18; lost to Lee and Lee 21-10.

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Frank Hough, the light-heavy-weight Fighting Hussar from Battersea, is expected to earn about £2,400 in the next two months.

Seven contests in two months are planned for this fight-a-week boxer, the most attractive personality in the sport in Britain to-day.

Hough, in addition to fighting, has a music-hall engagement, film work, and gramophone record making to fit in during this period.

This work and his first six contests are estimated to be worth £1,600 to him. Negotiations are proceeding to match him with the great Frenchman Marcel Thil, world ex-middle-weight champion, in the seventh fight.

If this move is successful Thil and Hough will face each other at the end of March in the new Earl's Court Exhibition building, and Frank will receive an additional £800.

Since the National Sporting Club officials saw the possibilities of Hough developing into a champion and made him a top-liner at their tournaments he has proved his merit by giving fans what they want—an all-action fight.

VALUE FOR MONEY

People who have seen him once go again, because they are sure of value for money. Hough is now such a "draw" at the N.S.C. that frequently many people cannot gain admission to see him in the Earl's Court ring.

The N.S.C. hope one day to get him a cruiser-weight title fight with Jack McAvoy. Meantime, they are helping this likeable, well-mannered and sportsman boxer to save his money.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 12th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27784) will close at 12.15 p.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

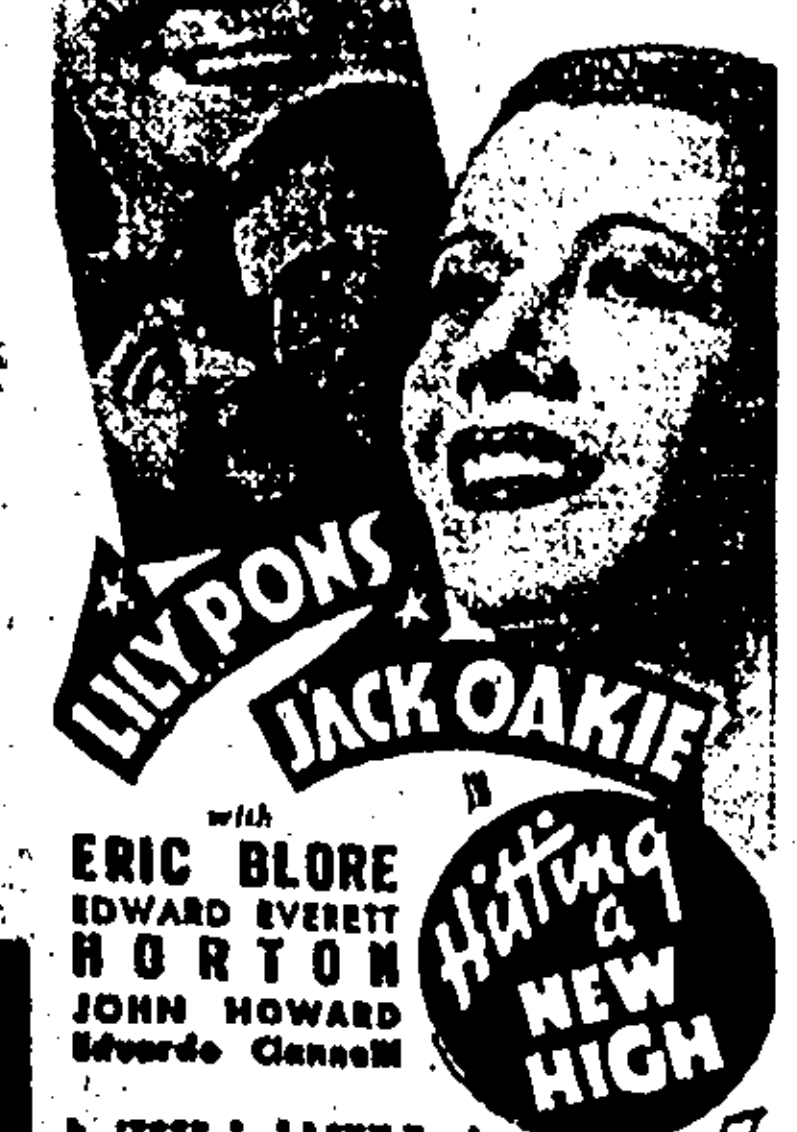
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Tennis Tourney Progresses

No Surprises Seen Yesterday

There were no surprises in the second round of the tennis championships at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday. Greatest interest was in the feat of the veteran Lo brothers who brought off an easy win against a younger pair.

The Tsuls were in fine fettle against Agafuroff and Pengelly and were scarcely extended to win 6-3, 6-2. Young Tsul showed that he has improved immensely and there was little to choose between him and his brother. Their opponents put up a game display.

Crawford slowed his game to suit Sato and more aggressive tactics would have ended the match earlier. Results:

Singles

W. M. Barton beat E. Price 6-2, 6-1.

E. C. Fincher beat F. V. Harrison 6-1, 6-2.

A. Crawford beat B. Szeto 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles

M. K. and M. W. Lo beat O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans 6-2, 6-2.

Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul beat I. Agafuroff and J. Pengelly 6-3, 6-2.

To-day's Programme

Singles.—Leung Ping-chiu v. S. W. Liang.

Club singles.—E. E. Story v. R. L. D. Wodehouse, T. A. Pearce v. J. F. L. Smalley.

Handicap singles.—A. C. I. Bowker v. I. T. B. Evans, W. Sander v. A. H. McBride, A. T. Dow v. H. D. Bidwell, T. E. Nave v. L. M. S. Lloyd.

Handicap doubles.—R. M. M. King and J. P. Murphy v. T. E. Whelch and J. A. H. Douglass, H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner v. G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan.

F.A. EXTEND SEASON TO HELP FUND

The Football Association recently agreed to extend the 1938-39 Soccer season for a week. It will begin on Saturday, August 20, instead of a week later.

The extension, proposed by Football League president C. E. Sutcliffe, is made so that clubs can play matches to raise funds for the Football League £100,000 Jubilee Fund or other charitable objects.

Gross proceeds of the matches, the F.A. Council decided, must be devoted to the charities, and consent must be obtained from the county associations concerned.

The F.A. Council have not yet decided whether to lease the Empire Stadium, Wembley, for a further series of Cup Finals and England v. Scotland matches.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee are to be supplied with further information on increased accommodation at Wembley.

The existing contract between the F.A. and Wembley has six years to run, but it is considered almost certain that Cup Finals will continue to be played at Wembley after 1944.

A sub-committee were appointed to deal with the financial side of the proposed tour of Canada and U.S.A. during the close season. Mr. W. C. Cuff (Everton) was appointed member-in-charge of this year's Continental tour during which England meet Germany on May 14 and Switzerland on May 21.

The council also decided to adopt the annual amateur championship match, North v. South, as an unofficial trial match. The F.A. will bear the loss—if any.

"WINDY!"

A FULL-BACK isn't necessarily "windy", as the crowd shouts, when he passes back to his goalkeeper. Generally, he's wise, says Ivan Sharpe.

OLYMPIC BOYCOTT China Sends Request To Committee At Cairo

Shanghai, Mar. 8. A letter has been sent by the China National Athletic Association from their headquarters in Hankow to the International Olympic Committee at Cairo requesting the adoption of the previous proposal to boycott the Olympic Games if held in Japan.

The letter pointed out that Japan was at present at war with her neighbouring country and was therefore an unsafe site for the Olympic Games.—United Press.

TEST TEAM SAILS

Melbourne, Mar. 8. The Australian test cricket team sailed for England to-day on the Maloja.—Reuter Bulletin.

Grogan (Middlesex), Pte. McGulgan (Searforth), Pte. Pearson (Middlesex), Pte. Saw (Middlesex) and L/Sgt. Calvert (5th Bde. R.A.). Reserve, L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots), L/Cpl. Fisher-Cookes (R.A.O.C.), L/Cpl. Alsey (R. Scots), Pte. Hosack (R. Scots) and L/Sgt. Percival (R.A.).

ARMY SELECTIONS

The following have been chosen to represent the Army against the Chinese in the Lal Wah Cup final on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 13:

L/Cpl. Duncan (R. Scots), Cpl. Watson, Cpl. and Pte. Sheehan (Middlesex), Cpl. Freshwater (Middlesex), Bdm. Bright (Middlesex) and Cpl. Proctor (R. Scots); Bdm.

INTERPORT BOWLS

Shanghai To Come Here This Season

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association Committee was held yesterday in the board-room of the S. C. M. Post Ltd.

The secretary (Mr. Hosking) said he had informed the Shanghai Bowls Association that the interport for last year had not been cancelled but postponed, and that Hongkong would entertain the Association this year.

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for March 24.

A recommendation that \$50 be granted to the Children's Playground Association will be put before the meeting for approval.

A copy of the latest revised rules has been received from the International Bowling Board. Copies will be made and distributed to clubs.

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Chapter Two

Without another word, the Frenchman rejoined Estienne. Don Diego took Nina's arm. "Well, where shall we go for our supper?" he said, unconcernedly. "Listen to me. You get on your horse and go right now. Go back to Valencia. That man is an expert marksman."

"I've beaten him so far," said Don Diego. "But I tell you, you can't fight with him. He'll kill you."

"It doesn't matter," Don Diego replied. "After this night, I'll be willing to die."

Nina looked at him, a little conscience-stricken now at the impending tragedy. Just then, as they stood there, a handsome coach came along the cobble street. As she saw it, Nina stopped forward. "Your coach?" Don Diego asked.

"Yes."

Immediately, Don Diego stepped into the middle of the street. When the horses pulled to a sudden stop, he opened the door of the coach with a flourish, and turned to Nina, waiting for her to enter. On his face was a look of delightful expectancy. But in the next moment a very impressive-looking man stepped from the carriage. One of the Marquis de Mello, one of Fer-



dinand's councillors. Don Diego looked on with amazement while Nina calmly stepped into the vehicle. As the horses started off, Nina waved a hand to the Spaniard. "Good luck, tomorrow morning," she called.

Inside the coach, the Marquis watched her closely. "You seem very interested," he remarked. "No, not really. Are you worried?"

"A little," the Marquis admitted. Nina put her hand on his, speaking with simple sincerity. "You needn't worry. You should know that by now," she said.

A few minutes later, the coach stopped outside the residence of the Marquis. In silence, the two entered the house and made their way to a small, official-looking room. The Marquis placed a chair for Nina. The dancer picked up a cigarette, and the nobleman lit it for her. "Well, did you find out anything?" he asked.

"A little," she replied.

"Good."

"These French officers are so sure of themselves that it isn't very hard to make them talk," Nina continued. "The only difficulty is getting rid of them afterwards. The last one was the worst of all. But he was also the most talkative."

She puffed slowly at her cigarette. "It seems that Napoleon is sending down thirty thousand more French troops."

The Marquis looked thoughtful. "Thirty thousand!" he exclaimed. "That will make over one hundred thousand French soldiers in Spain."

He paused, then studied Nina. "What have the officers been told? Why do they think they are here?"

"It's always the same thing," Nina replied. "That they're here as a protection in case the English start to invade the continent."

"There is no talk of war with us?"

"No. Only with the English."

The Marquis rose impatiently. "I'm sorry," Nina said. "That's all they seem to know."

"I'm convinced that that is all any of them know," the Marquis said. He hesitated for a moment. "Nina, I'm going to send you on an important trip. It went on impressively. The most important one you've ever taken."

Nina faced him, listening intently. "I have arranged a professional appearance for you in Bayonne, where the conference between Ferdinand and Napoleon is to be held."

Nina was amazed. "You mean that the King is really going? He's leaving his country at a time like this?"

The Marquis shrugged his shoulders. "He and his councillors believe the conference is a friendly one. That Napoleon's only interest

is the welfare of Spain. Needless to say, I don't agree. Napoleon wants control of Europe! He has put his brother Louis on the throne of Holland... his brother Joseph on the throne of Naples... Jerome has Westphalia. Why should he let this fat plum get out of the family? The only thing that stands in his way is Ferdinand and his popularity. If he can get rid of Ferdinand, he can take Spain. However, that is only my suspicion. I have no proof."

Nina took it all in, thinking deeply. "What about Paris?" she asked, finally. "What word do they send?"

"Our best two agents are now in prison in La Force," the Marquis said. Nina looked appalled at this. The Marquis continued with a very smile. "The French have very efficient counter spies. That's why I'm sending you. I want you to get in with the French officers in Bayonne. Those closest to Napoleon. Find out if you can, what Napoleon is really planning."

Nina nodded. "When do you want me to start?"

"Tomorrow morning. Then, if you find out that this conference is just a trap, as I fear it is, we'll still have time to stop Ferdinand before he crosses the border."

The Marquis went toward a chest at one side of the room, opened it and took out a money bag. "When does His Majesty start?"

"I'll send you word as soon as he leaves."

"Shall I take Lola with me?"

"By all means. I'll give you plenty of money. But I think it would be wise if you went very simply, without any guards. I'm sorry to suggest that. The country is lonely. But you'll be less conspicuous if you travel simply."

"I'm not afraid," Nina said.

"Stop at the Inn in Vittoria, just this side of the border. One of our agents there will give you any later

news," the Marquis said, handing her the bag of gold pieces. "And don't be afraid to spend it."

Nina took it, hiding it in a handkerchief she carried. "I must go now," she said. "I must go off tomorrow morning," she said.

The Marquis turned to the cabinet, taking out a carafe of wine and two glasses. As he did so, he spoke, and for the first time that evening, a personal note was evident in his voice.

"Can you leave as easily as that?" he inquired.

"I shall have to make some excuse at the cafe. Is that what you mean?"

"I mean, there is no one to hold you here? No man?"

"Nina," the Marquis said, with a look of admiration and gratitude, "to a person in your position, you are a gift from heaven. A beautiful woman with no moods, no hysterics, and no entanglements."

"I can't imagine anything as exciting as this job," she replied.

At that moment, there was a faint sound of martial music outside. Both went to the window. Down below was a company of French soldiers—of the Army of Occupation—marching along the street. The Marquis stood behind Nina, a full glass of wine in each hand. His expression, as he looked at the marching soldiers, was one of grim intensity. Nina turned to face him, a blazing hatred in her face. For a moment they looked at each other, a mutual fire of patriotism burning in their eyes. Silently, the Marquis handed Nina one of the glasses. He lifted his own in a toast. "To the King!" he said solemnly. "To the King! Long may he reign!" Nina echoed.

Two days later, Nina's coach was travelling at an easy pace through a deserted countryside. Far in the distance, were the white-walled Pyrenees. Next to the driver sat a small boy of about twelve. Nina, clad in a charming cloak and bonnet, looked out of the window. "Do you think we'll make Vittoria tonight?" she asked.

"We'll try."

The driver looked casually toward the mountains. Then, abruptly, he pulled his mules to an abrupt stop. His eyes fixed on the far off hills. There, on top of a hill, outlined against the sky, was the figure of a man on horseback. A blunderbuss was thrown over his shoulders. In a moment, he was joined by others. Nina again looked out of the window. "What is it? What's wrong?" she called.

"Berganda!" exclaimed the driver grimly.

(To be continued)

Scandal of Divided CHRISTENDOM

"TRY to understand the other man's point of view" is always wise advice. "Get together and think things over" is always wise policy.

It is remarkable how much progress and friendliness then come about. It is astonishing also how much agreement will often be found beneath differences of opinion. The sea is steady enough beneath the waves which toss to and fro on the surface.

"I don't like Mr. A. or his point of view," said B. "But I thought you didn't know him," said C. "That's true," replied B, "and that's probably why I don't like him. I have never tried to understand his opinions."

What does the Church of England believe? For what does it stand? These are questions men often ask.

DOES HARM

ON the surface the Church looks divided. For example, to the man-in-the-street, and indeed sometimes to the man-in-the-pew, Anglo-Catholics and Evangelicals seem far apart.

He is more likely to hear and read about their differences of opinion than about their agreements. For differences and disputes always will attract attention and provide "news."

Nevertheless, disagreement, whether it be superficial or deep-seated, is confusing, and leads men to say that Church people cannot agree about their beliefs. This does harm.

"Ought not the Church," men were saying much in the early days after the war, "to take special pains to know its own mind and be at unity within itself?"

The differences of opinion about the interpretation of the great facts of the Christian Faith and the unchanging truths of Christian revelation, led the Archbishops 15 years ago to gather together a company of the most eminent thinkers from the clergy and laity of all "schools of thought."

IMPERILLING UNITY

THEY might meet constantly and talk things over together. "Tensions between different schools of thought in the Church of England were imperilling its unity and impairing its effectiveness."

A serious attempt was to be made to face these difficulties. The Archbishops' Commission on the Christian Doctrine was formed, and for 15 years has been hard at work. Now it has issued a report. It is a book of 240 pages. The Archbishop of York, the Chairman, says of the meetings:

"We have become a company of personal friends. Many of us have been eagerly and patiently waiting for this report for some years. We have longed for some real evidence to show that our differences are not so great as many people believe them to be."

Christianity is attacked by some and neglected by many to-day.

CONTRVERSIAL TOPICS

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Yet here we must stand guard against misunderstanding. Many important subjects receive comparatively little notice because of the wide agreement.

Those subjects (on the whole) receive most attention which are at this time, or have been during the period of the Commission's labours, occasions of controversy within the Church of England or sources of confusion in Anglican practice."

Obviously a report of this magnitude and importance will need very careful study by all the bishops and the clergy. The work of 15 years cannot be summed up in five minutes.

My own reading of it, for example, will be as thorough and careful as I can make it, and it would not be fair for anyone to say much until its contents have been carefully pondered.

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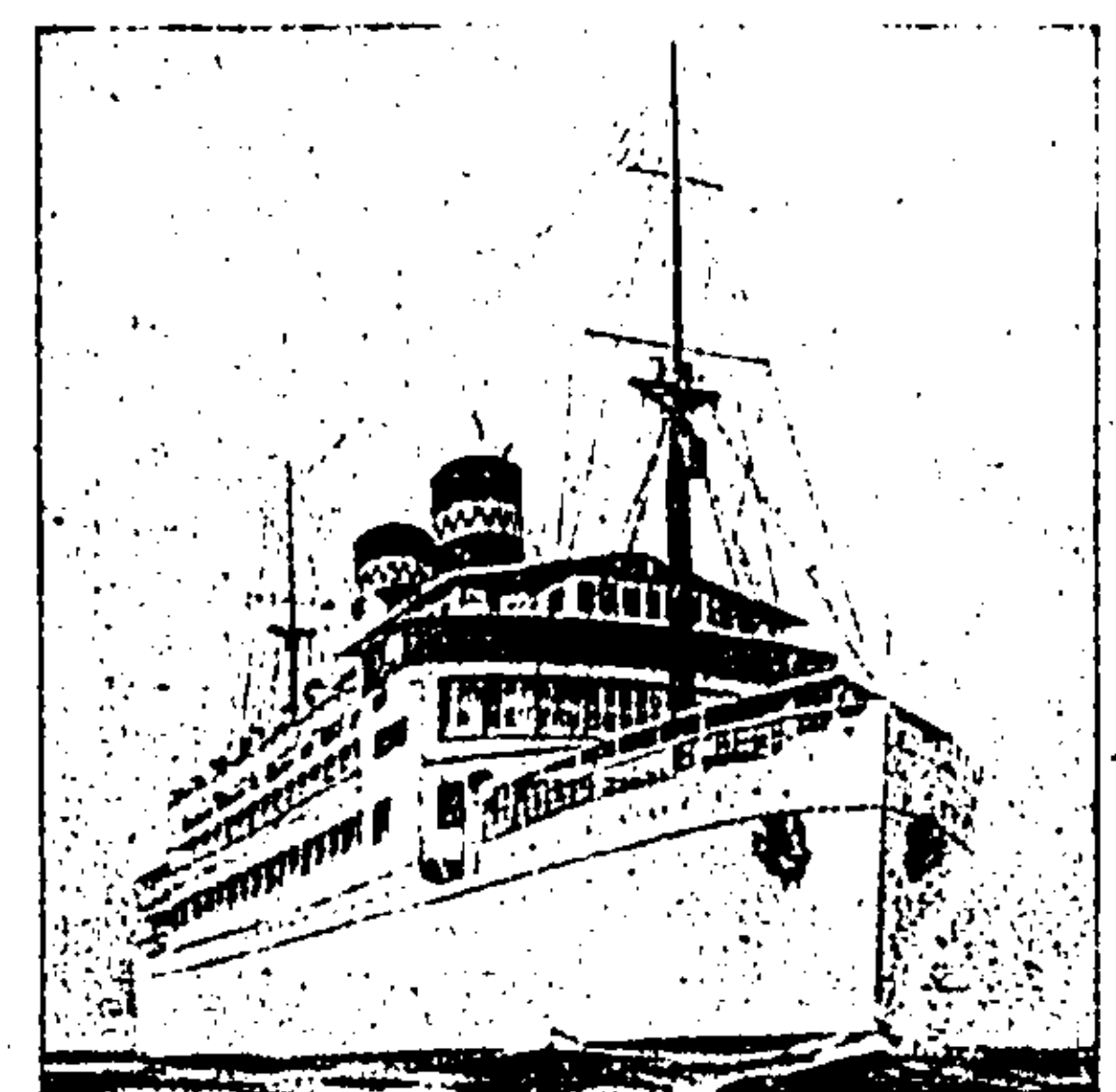
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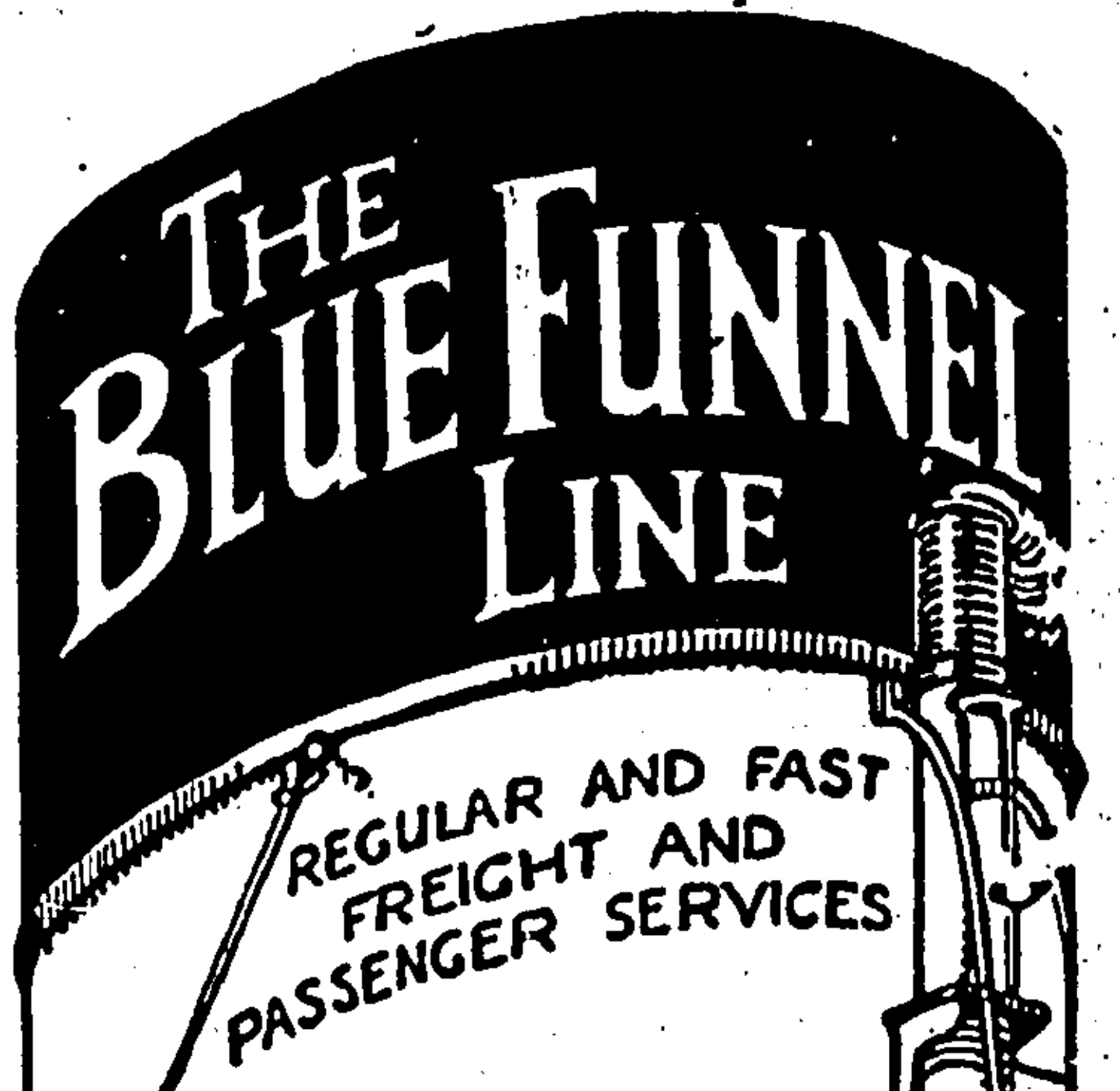
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First Signs Of Spring Recovery

Washington, Mar. 8.
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From Flint comes the report that Buick Motors have increased their working week to a total of four days, and that the production units are now 16,000 a month. Some 12,000 employees work 30, instead of 24 hours a week, and all this is regarded as the first signs of Spring recovery.—United Press.

ROYALTY TO VISIT GLASGOW SLUMS

London, Mar. 8.
The King and Queen are visiting special areas in South Glasgow after opening the Empire Exhibition in May, in order to study conditions of distress in the districts.—Reuter Bulletin.

HITLER RECEIVES HERBERT HOOVER

Berlin, Mar. 8.
Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, to-day received Mr. Herbert Hoover, former United States President, and the United States Ambassador.—United Press.

YANGTSE COMMANDER COMING TO COLONY

Hankow, Mar. 9.
Rear-Admiral Marquart, commander of the United States Yangtze patrol since February, 1937, is leaving by air for Hongkong to-day, en route to America.—Reuter.

CREW REFUSES TO CARRY WAR GOODS

Houston, Mar. 8.
The crew of the Norwegian freighter, Fern Lane, has gone on strike as a protest against taking scrap iron to Japan for war purposes.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

ITALIAN PRIESTS KILLED IN CHENGCHOW RAID

Chengchow, Mar. 9.
Two Italian priests are reported to have been killed yesterday morning when a bomb dropped by Japanese planes on Chengchow hit the Catholic Church outside the western city gate. Taking advantage of the clear sky after a night's snowfall, 12 Japanese planes attacked the city at dawn. They rained some 40 bombs at various places. About 30 of the missiles were aimed at the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Lungshai Railway stations, killing three civilians and wounding several others. Two bombs landed at the Cathedral Church at Cheng Hsin Street.

Hardly had the squadron of raiders departed than a second squadron of three planes came over. But these only reconnoitred over the city. No bombs were dropped.—Central News.

CRUISE LINER ARRIVES

Despite thick weather, the giant Canadian Pacific round-the-world liner Empress of Britain slipped through Lyemun Pass this morning and by 9.30 a.m. was manoeuvring in mid-harbour to get alongside the Kowloon pier.

And despite the pouring rain, newspapermen and a shrinking crowd of coolies waited on the dock to meet her.

The passengers who lined the ship's decks may not have realised it, but at just about the time the vessel was creeping to her berth weather history was being made in Hongkong. Hail fell for five minutes at 9.50 a.m.

Captain W. B. Buak-Wood, R. D., Commodore of the Canadian Pacific fleet, commands the ship.

The 42,300-ton craft remains here until Monday next, when she sails for Manila at 5 p.m.

Twins Lawsuit

New York.
If a husband admits the paternity of one twin, then the other is also his child, ruled Judge Beck in a remarkable case in the Circuit Court at Lake Andes, South Dakota.

The judge quoted from Shakespeare's "King John":

"Struth, your brother is legitimate."

Your father's wife did after wedlock bear him;

And if she did play false, the fault was hers:

Which fault lies on the hazards of all husbands

That marry wives.

At an earlier trial before another judge, the husband said that his wife admitted making the acquaintance of "a man across the hall."

Doctors said there was a likelihood that the twins had different fathers.

The husband won his divorce, but got no ruling on the paternity of his children until yesterday, when Judge Beck awarded the twins to their mother on the ground that they could not be legally illegitimate if born in wedlock.

PERSONALITY CALLED INBORN

Cleveland.

The pleasing personality that influences people is born, not made, believes Dr. Howard W. Haggard, professor of applied psychology at Yale University. Personality and genius are inborn, he said.

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That opinion, expressed by a man—and a Director of Intelligence to the Board of Education at that—was greeted with loud cries of agreement from the women in the audience at the conference of the British Commonwealth League in London.

The brave man was Mr. S. H. Wood, discussing problems affecting women's education in the Empire.

He exploded another myth: "There is the idea that it is the poor man who is always so desperately tired and who has had a tiring day, and that it is always the woman in the home who has had the quiet day. Nine times out of ten the reverse is the case."

"Usually one finds that, after a quiet morning the man rings up his friend John and says: 'What about a spot of lunch?' They go to lunch together and take a long time over it."

"Then, after taking a long time over it, he goes home in the afternoon, and he takes care to arrange so that he arrives in the children have been bed."

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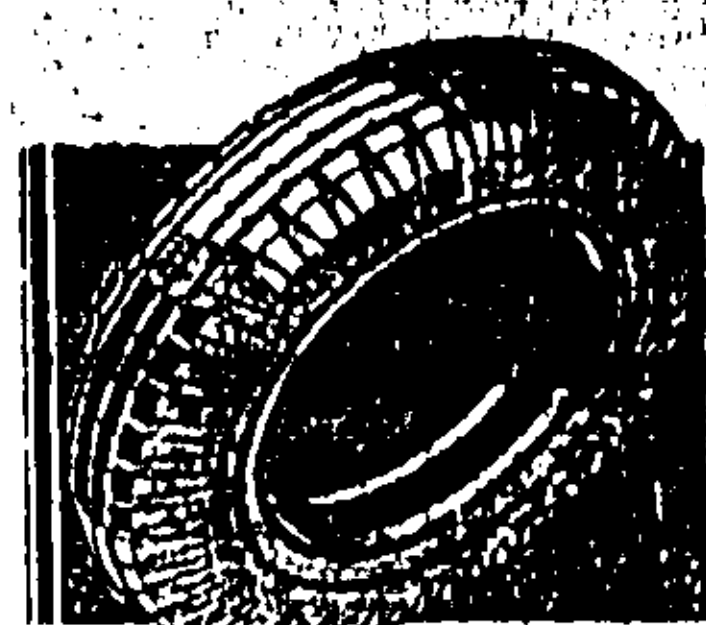
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DOUBLING STRENGTH OF CHINA'S ARMY

FINAL VICTORY ASSURED, SAYS NATION'S HEAD

Chiang's Confidence Unshaken Despite Japanese Penetration

Hankow, Mar. 9.

Complete confidence in China's ultimate victory was expressed by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in a recent interview here. The Generalissimo said he believed the strength of the Chinese army would be doubled in two months' time compared with the strength of the fighting forces at the outbreak of the conflict.

In contrast to the pessimism felt in certain circles regarding the military situation in Shansi, Marshal Chiang said he was confident that the Japanese forces would not be able to penetrate further into China's north-west provinces.

He expressed the opinion that the Japanese troops in Shansi were already experiencing very great difficulties, with 25,000 Chinese troops scattered in the mountains east and west of the Tungpu railway, which connects Taiyuanfu with Tungshan.

These Chinese forces were constantly harassing the Japanese troops along the railway, he said. Asked by a foreigner where the government was likely to meet next the Generalissimo replied:

"The Chinese National Government is not the corrupt and militarist regime such as those witnessed in China's past history, but a revolutionary Government, representing the Chinese race and nation, and every temporary reverse the Chinese army has suffered means the redoubling of China's determination to continue resistance. It would not be surprising if we re-meet at Hankow, and it is even possible that we will re-meet in Nanking!"—Reuter.

Advance Checked

Hankow, Mar. 9.
A Japanese detachment succeeded in crossing the Yellow River at a point in the extreme north of the Shansi province, where the river is (Continued on Page 4.)

Oil Storage Tanks May Be Removed

Government admitted in Legislative Council this afternoon that the risk of fuel oil storage tanks in the Colony to neighbouring property would be increased in the event of war conditions, and has promised to consider a suggestion by the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan that the tanks be removed as speedily as possible to outlying districts, where they will not constitute a danger to the public.

In answer to question by Dr. Li, the Colonial Secretary disclosed that there were 5 large and one small containing benzine and kerosene, containing liquid fuel oil at the Point installation, and two containing benzine at the Point installation.

These tanks were in the vicinity of the tanks in Kowloon and the immediate vicinity of residential areas.

The requirements of the Fire Brigade in the matter of surrounding the tanks by retaining walls and connection with the chemical foam extinguishing system have been complied with, and there is no reason to think that the precautions taken are not adequate for the protection of property in ordinary circumstances," said the Colonial Secretary.

He said that the risk to neighbouring property would, of course, be increased by war conditions.

Britain Taking Firm Control Of Civil Flying



HEADS NANKING GOVERNMENT — Bearded Tao Hui-shan, head of the new autonomous commission ruling the Chinese city of Nanking under Japanese advisers, is shown reading a manifesto denouncing the Chinese government formerly in power.

HONGKONG ATTACKED FOR LONG LACK OF ADEQUATE MUSEUM

Recommendations Placed Before Government

If the report of a special Committee appointed by Government is adopted, Hongkong may shortly possess one of the finest Museums in the Far East.

The report of the Committee, comprising Professor G. A. C. Herklots (Chairman) and Messrs. W. Schofield and A. D. Brankston, was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

It strongly recommends the construction of a building, containing at least ten rooms and a large central hall, on the site formerly occupied by the Albany Buildings.

The area of this site would allow ample space for a central block 100 feet by 40 feet, and of two side wings 80 feet by 40 feet.

The Committee recommends the appointment of a Curator who should be a young man of British nationality at a minimum salary of £450 per annum.

Any such Curator would have to be given absolute power of refusal of gifts or loans.

In addition, the appointment of a Board of Directors, consisting of representatives of the Hongkong Government, the Hongkong University, the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, is recommended.

If the suggestions of the Committee are adopted, the proposed museum building will be either partly or fully air-conditioned.

"Natural history exhibits, books, paintings and other objects particularly susceptible to damp could be housed," the Report says. "Such a wing would also be a gas-proof and could be used as a temporary shelter in times of emergency. A bomb-proof vault, in which valuable exhibits could be stored, would be worth considering."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Among the recommendations are: Construction of a lecture hall, equipped with a first class episcoposcope lantern and a cinematograph lantern, capable of seating at least 300 people.

Construction of a room useable by kindred societies, such as the Hongkong Horticultural Society, Aquarium Society and a Natural History Society; Preparation Room; Research Laboratory; Library and Reading Room; two rooms for Prehistory. (Continued on Page 4.)

INQUIRY INTO HONGKONG RENTALS

Move To Protect Public Approved By Governor

His Excellency the Governor revealed in Legislative Council this afternoon that a Commission has been appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the question of house rents in the Colony.

Should the report of the Commission convince Government that action is necessary to control rents, a Bill will be placed before Legislative Council with all possible expedition.

"As you are aware, there has recently been considerable public discussion in local newspapers and elsewhere of charges for rent which are said to be generally rising, with innumerable results in certain cases," said His Excellency.

"Moreover, individual representatives have been made to me and, as I am cognisant, to certain members of this and the Executive Council bearing upon the same points. During this week I have conferred upon this subject with persons interested therein and, this morning, with my Executive Council.

PROPER PROTECTION

"Several suggestions have been received from various quarters that legislation should be passed at once which would give greater protection to the holders of existing tenancies than that which common law and local statutes now provide and, conversely, would restrict that existing rights and powers of landlords.

"On the other hand, recognition is generally given to the fact that any such legislation would be unusual and drastic in its effect and might easily have repercussions which would inflict more harm than benefit in the end.

"These issues have been carefully considered by Government that is to say, the Governor in Executive Council, and the conclusion reached (Continued on Page 4.)

27 NEW SMALLPOX CASES HERE

Another 27 cases of smallpox were reported to the local health authorities yesterday, bringing the total since January 1 to 1,135.

The weekly returns, also issued this morning, indicate an increase compared with the previous week. The total number of cases for the week ending March 5 was 185. Deaths, for the first time since the epidemic commenced, exceeded the number of cases, 186 being reported, as against 132 in the previous week, and 199 in the peak week of the epidemic.

Of last week's cases, 130 were reported from the residential areas of the city, 39 from Kowloon, two from Shaokwan, four from Aberdeen and one from the New Territories. Last week there were one death from typhoid, two from measles, seven from meningitis and three from dysentery.

Tuberculosis claimed 60 victims, bringing the total since January 1 to 825.

Twenty-two of the 27 cases of small-pox reported yesterday occurred in Victoria. There were also three cases of diphtheria, two of typhoid, three of measles and one of meningitis.

HIGHER SUBSIDIES FOR AIR TRANSPORT COMPANIES APPROVED

But Imperial Airways Under Criticism By Investigators

London, Mar. 8.

The Government has decided to adopt the recommendation of the Cadman Report, that a permanent Under-Secretary for Air shall be appointed who will exercise general administrative direction of civil aviation affairs. A deputy Director-General of Civil Aviation will be added, and a Director of Civil Research and Production will be appointed.

The Government has not yet finally decided whether to adopt the recommendation that an additional Parliamentary Under-Secretary, solely concerned with civil aviation, shall be appointed, but it is prepared to recommend increases in subsidies to air transport companies from £1,500,000 to £3,000,000.

DISCUSSES AUSTRALIA TEST TEAM

Lord Tennyson Says Grimmitt's Absence Serious

"Australia may yet regret the omission of Clarrie Grimmitt and Bert Oldfield from their Test team. With these two players—especially Grimmitt—I think they were bound to win."

"As it is, the omission of Grimmitt may quite conceivably turn the tables in favour of England. In any case, it is going to be an interesting struggle."

Thus spoke Lord Tennyson, who captained England against Australia in 1921 and has just recently completed a successful tour of India.

With Lady Tennyson, he is travelling around the world aboard the Empress of Britain, which arrived here this morning.

Lord Tennyson was last in Australia in 1904, when his father was Governor-General of the Commonwealth, and he was a school-boy.

"I am looking forward to re-visiting the country which is the home of cricket," he said. "One of my regrets is that I was unable to accept an invitation to tour the Commonwealth with the 1922 Test team."

ANGLO-IRISH TRADE TALKS CONTINUE

London, Mar. 8.

This morning the Prime Minister saw Mr. De Valera, and this afternoon trade discussions were continued at the Dominions Office between Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and Mr. W. S. Morrison for the United Kingdom, and Mr. Lemass and Mr. Ryan for Eire. It is probable there will be further trade talks between the Ministers and officials representing the United Kingdom and Eire governments to-morrow, but no arrangements have been made for a full meeting of representatives on each side.—British Wireless.

U.S. TAX BILL APPROVED

Washington, Mar. 8.

After a stormy debate, the House of Representatives approved the Tax Bill which provides that public utility companies shall be given a 10 per cent. increase in their rates.

Decision between competing projects should be governed by two main considerations: firstly, the importance of maintaining and developing Empire routes; secondly, the importance of selecting routes which afford opportunities of substantial traffic and postal revenue, and where important British commercial interests are concerned.

A number of the Committee's recommendations are based on the principle that British external air transport should be concentrated in a number of well-founded and substantial organisations, and that the same external route should not be operated by more than one British company. The Committee recommends that Imperial Airways concern themselves primarily with the development of Empire air services, but that that title be associated with "short haul" services to France and Italy, and that flying boat services to Greece via Italy should be recognised.

The London-Paris terminal service should be operated by an amalgamation of Imperial Airways and British Airways on this route. British Airways should develop other air services to Europe.

The Government accepts these recommendations, and both Imperial Airways and British Airways are willing to accept them.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

The Committee's recommendation that serious defects in the management (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

PRESIDENT SIGNS TAX BILL

Washington, Mar. 8.

The House of Representatives approved clauses in the Tax Bill providing for changes in the present corporate and undistributed profits and capital gains tax.

The President signed a Bill to maintain the full capital of the Commodity Credit Corporation at U.S. \$100,000,000.—Reuter.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 73.)

CONFUSED FIGHTING IN SHANSI

Chinese Claim Some Successes

Shan, Mar. 8. Confused fighting is in progress at various parts of Shansi. The tactics of the Chinese forces are to harass the invaders whenever and wherever they can, taking advantage of the mountainous topography in the province.

As a result of repeated counter-attacks on Chaocheng, southwest of Taiyuan, a Chinese unit has succeeded in reaching the east suburban district, destroying 40 Japanese army trucks, and many telegraph wires, and highway bridges there. It is now striking eastward to menace Japanese communications on the Taiyuan-Puchow Railway south of Taiyuan.

Another Chinese unit re-occupied Taining near the western border of Shansi on March 5, and is now driving eastward to Wuchengchen.

A Chinese cavalry unit succeeded in breaking into Ningyu city, about 140 kilometres to the west of Taiyuan, and engaged the Japanese troops in street fighting for several hours. However, they withdrew from the city later.

The Japanese troops which occupied Liulin in west Shansi have pushed westward and have taken Chuntu and Chikou on the Yellow River. It is feared that they may cross the river to attack Shensi.—Central News.

Chinese Success In West Suiyuan

Shan, Mar. 9. A report from General Ma Chien-shan, hero of the Nonni Bridge operations, who is now directing Chinese guerrilla troops in west Suiyuan, states that the attack of the Japanese-employed irregular on Taiyuan in west Suiyuan has been successfully repulsed. About 150 irregulars were killed in action, and 70 others were captured alive. More than 50 horses and 30 rifles were also seized.—Central News.

1,000 Japanese Cremated

Heuchow, Mar. 9. About 1,000 corpses of Japanese soldiers killed in action during recent operations in Shantung were cremated a few days ago at Kehkou on the Yi River in east Shantung.—Central News.

HOUSE-HOLDERS REPORT THEFTS

A report was made to the police yesterday by Mr. F. W. Monteiro, of Jordan Road, that some person broke into his flat by forcing open the front door, and stole clothing, money and jewellery to the total value of \$122.

Mr. Blizer, of 45 Conduit Road, also reported to the police that two pieces of clothing worth \$10 were stolen from his home.

SNATCHER TO BE CANED

Sentence of four months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the cane was imposed on Leung Hoi-chun, 26, by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he appeared on remand, charged with the theft of an earring from a woman.

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 9199—Remember Me. F.T.
 My Swiss Hill Billy. F.T.
 9102—Ain't Love Grand. F.T.
 I Know Now. F.T.
 BILLY COTTON'S BAND.
 9188—Little Old Lady. F.T.
 Whispers in the Dark. F.T.
 9189—Months & Months. F.T.
 You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming. F.T.
 JAY WILBUR & HIS ORCH.
 F1008—Goona Goo. F.T.
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Hongkong Sees First Hail Storm

Frankish weather continues here. For the first time in its history, certainly for the first time in the records of the Royal Observatory which go back to 1884, hail fell in the Colony this morning.

This phenomenon follows on the heels of a heat record for March. Sunday was the hottest day of this month of any on record, the temperature reaching 84 at 2 p.m.

And at 9.50 a.m. to-day hail fell. It started meteorological experts. It started a series of excited telephone calls to the Telegraph office and it frightened Chinese children. It fell in Kowloon, too, for about three minutes. The largest of the hailstones was about the size of a big pea. The hail followed a single flash of lightning.

FOUGHT TWO OFFICERS

LOITERER RESISTED ARREST

An unemployed man, Leung Chik-ling, 32, was charged before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning with loitering at Wanchai Gap and with assaulting Chinese detective C578. He denied both offences.

An officer stated in evidence that he was on duty with Chinese detective-sergeant C632 at about 4 p.m. on Monday when they saw defendant on the private path leading to No. 551 the Peak. They approached defendant, and asked him what he was doing there, and the man replied that he was on his way to Aberdeen. He was searched, but nothing was found. He was taken along Combe Road for enquiries, but suddenly broke loose by pushing the constable. He ran down the hillside, but was chased by the policeman and caught. He still resisted arrest, during which he tore the constable's trousers.

Police-Sergeant H. N. Moran revealed two previous convictions against accused, who was sentenced to two months' hard labour. Charged with loitering in the third floor staircase of a house in Wanchai, Chan Kam-tong, 21, appeared. Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said that the residence was occupied by Mrs. Noma, a Japanese, and her son, a defendant standing outside the door of the flat, and peering into the place. Defendant, who denied the offence, was convicted after evidence had been heard, and Sergeant Bentley said that only last week, Mrs. Noma had lost over \$60 worth of property when someone broke into the flat. There was, however, no evidence to connect defendant with that affair. Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year.

BRITISH TOMMIES ARE WELL ARMED

At House of Commons' question time the War Secretary stated he was satisfied that the present equipment of the British Army in anti-tank rifles and light guns was equal in each type to that of the German and French armies.—British Wireless

Japan Keen To Be Host To Olympiad

Preparations For Games Start

Tokyo, Mar. 8. Ignoring the uncertainties existing concerning the Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Tokyo in 1940, the Tokyo municipal Olympic organising committee has mapped out an extensive track and field construction programme which will be carried out at a total cost of ¥2,000,000, after approval has been granted by the Municipal Assembly.

The plan includes the construction of a huge stand to accommodate some 20,000 spectators, the reconstruction of a running track and athletic fields, the construction of an auditorium containing a 150 metre indoor track, two basketball courts, one tennis court, boxing and wrestling rings, and a 24 metre swimming pool.

In addition a big open-air swimming pool is to be constructed with a stand nearby with seating capacity for 30,000 spectators.—Reuter Special.

CAUTIOUS STATEMENT

Amplifying the Olympics Committee's statement, Mr. Shimamura said yesterday: "Not desiring to arouse the Nationalists during the present Diet session, General Sugiyama, the War Minister, and Admiral Suetugu, Home Minister, gave the best answer possible, namely that in the event of the China situation not becoming worse, Japan has the ability to conduct the Olympics, and there is no reason why she should not hold them." "We believe that when Admiral Suetugu, who is considered the leader of the Fascists in this country, makes such a statement, it is entirely favourable. Hence preparations will proceed. The Diet has already passed the budget, and the Tokyo Municipal Assembly will pass its appropriation to-morrow."

"We want the Olympics as sportsmen, and also because our national honour is pledged. We want the other nations to place faith in the Japanese. We believe that Admiral Suetugu and General Sugiyama want the Games, although the delicate situation has prevented an enthusiastic affirmation." Mr. Shimamura said, the Cairo meeting of the World Olympic organisation will be informed that the budget has been passed and that the ability and enthusiasm to run the Games exists to make the Tokyo Olympics the best in history. He said that Japan would certainly not aggravate the Chinese situation, therefore only a major and unforeseen event in China or in the homeland could prevent the Games. Naturally, in the event of the China hostilities continuing, even the most mild members of the armed forces cannot compete.

Mr. Shimamura, who is a member of the House of Peers, says he knows what he is speaking about, Professor Utago Suichiro of the Imperial University, and head of the Swimming Association, has promised the 1940 Olympics shall be the best swimming meet in history.—United Press.

KING RECEIVES NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR

London, Mar. 8. The United States Ambassador presented his letters of credence to the Court of St. James to the King at Buckingham Palace this morning. Viscount Halifax was in attendance for the first time as Foreign Secretary. The new Liberian Minister was also received by His Majesty and presented his letters of credence.—British Wireless.

SEAMAN CAUSES TROUBLE HERE; NOT WANTED

Frank Dollar, 30, unemployed seaman, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport and failing to register at the Registration Office, Police Headquarters, within 72 hours of his arrival.

It was stated by Det-Sergeant Russell that defendant was arrested on board a steamer in the harbour and the captain of the ship told the police he had no right to be on it, but defendant claimed he had gone on board to look for work.

The American Consulate did not recognise defendant as an American subject or citizen for he had no papers. Defendant was here about five months ago, the court was told, and missed the steamship California on which he was a seaman, owing to drunkenness. A week later he showed away to Manila and was arrested and imprisoned there. He claimed to have returned here by the President Taft, but the Dollar Line had not verified this. The Dollar Line and the American Consul would have nothing to do with him.

Defendant has been here for three months. At the Police station he was very offensive and had caused a great deal of trouble.

Before concluding, Sergeant Russell said that some seamen deliberately missed their ships in the Colony and thus caused the Dollar Line and American Consul much trouble.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25, or a month's imprisonment, and an expulsion order was made on the first charge, and another fine of \$25 or a month's imprisonment on the second charge. The sentences are to run concurrently.

FRANCE PUTS VAST SUMS INTO ARMS

Paris, Mar. 8. The French Minister of Finance today revealed that expenditure on armaments amounted to £21,000,000 during the first two months of this year, and that before the end of the year, the total would be over £100.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

| Business Done | Prices in Pesos |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Atanok | 26 |
| Bok | 27 |
| Buglio Gold | 22 1/2 |
| Benguet Consolidated | 0.70 |
| Coca Grove | 50 |
| Consolidated Mines | Unq. |
| Demonstration | Unq. |
| Paracale Gumaua | 22 |
| San Maurice | 52 |
| Suyo | 10 1/2 |
| United Paracale | Unq. |
| The tone of the market: | SLIGHTLY EASIER |

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong radio:—Taima, Schornhorst, Empress Of Russia, President Jackson, Suwa Maru, Haruna Maru, Conte Verde, Tsinan, Minoo Maru, Ensis, Conte Blancamano, Norviken, Empress Of Canada, Cyclops, Fingal, Empress Of Britain and Atlas Maru.

DOG ATTACKS COOLIE

Mr. Spary, of Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, reported to the police yesterday that his Alsatian dog bit a contractor's coolie, Young Yin-sin, while the man was working at his home. The coolie was taken to Kowloon Hospital for treatment, while the dog was removed to Mataukok for observation.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was a good turnover of business during the day and profit taking has been well absorbed, prices being little, if any, affected. The market closed steady.

Manila market, owing to differences between two Exchanges there, has ruled uncertain.

Buyers
 Hongkong Bank \$25
 Canton Insurance \$27 1/2
 Union Insurance \$23
 China Underwriters \$5
 Union Waterboats \$2 1/2
 H.K. & K. Wharves \$1 1/2
 Star Ferry \$2 1/2
 Provident (Old) \$3 1/2
 H.K. & K. Hotels \$3 1/2
 H.K. Lands \$3 1/2
 H.K. Tramways \$1 1/2
 Peak Tram (Old) \$7
 Star Ferry \$2 1/2
 Yauwatt Ferry \$2 1/2
 China Lights (Old) \$12 1/2
 China Lights (New) \$9 1/2
 H.K. Electric \$1 1/2
 Telephone (Old) \$27 1/2
 Telephone (New) \$10 1/2
 Cement \$17 1/2
 Dairy Farms \$2 1/2
 Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$2 1/2
 Construction \$1 1/2
 H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 1 1/2 % pm.
 Wallace Harpers \$2 1/2

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U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

| | New York, March 8. | Opening | Closing |
|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| May | 9.10/09 | 9.06/08 | |
| July | 9.16/15 | 9.10/11 | |
| October | 9.24/24 | 9.20/20 | |
| December | 9.25/25 | 9.20/20 | |
| January | 9.27/27 | 9.22/22 | |
| Spot | | 9.12 | |

| | New York Rubber | Chicago Corn | Winnipeg Wheat |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| March | 14.38N | 58 1/2/58 3/4 | 122 1/2/122 |
| May | 14.00b/75a | 59 1/2/59 3/4 | 114 1/4/114 1/4 |
| July | 14.17b/75a | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | 94 1/4/94 1/4 |
| September | 14.07/87 | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | |
| December | 15.07/07 | 62/62 | |
| January | 14.91N | | |
| Sales for the day: | 2,180 tons. | | |
| Chicago Wheat | 89 1/2/89 3/4 | 90 1/4/90 1/4 | |
| May | 89 1/2/89 3/4 | 90 1/4/90 1/4 | |
| July | 84 1/2/85 | 85 1/2/85 3/4 | |
| September | | 85 1/2/85 3/4 | |
| Monday's Sales: | 20,104,000 bushels. | | |
| Chicago Corn | 58 1/2/58 3/4 | 59 1/2/59 3/4 | |
| May | 59 1/2/59 3/4 | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | |
| July | 60 1/2/60 3/4 | 62/62 | |
| September | | | |
| Winnipeg Wheat | 121/121 1/4 | 122 1/2/122 | |
| May | 121/121 1/4 | 114 1/4/114 1/4 | |
| July | | 94 1/4/94 1/4 | |
| October | | | |

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TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PROGRESS REVIEWED AND DIVIDENDS PASSED

A satisfactory year has been experienced by the Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., according to a statement made by Mr. A. L. Shields, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the 13th annual general meeting of the Company, held at the Exchange Building to-day. Payments of a final dividend of 80 cents per share on fully paid-up shares and a final dividend of 20 cents on partly paid-up shares were agreed to.

The necessity for a revision of the enactments of the Telephone Ordinance, framed in 1925, was stressed, the Chairman explaining that the Ordinance imposed certain restrictions on the Company in relation to the treatment of the Accounts and that certain sections resulted in the enforcement of a policy running counter to the course which ordinary business prudence demanded.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. A. L. Shields, Chairman; Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. S. Shouson Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. D. H. Blake and Mr. J. H. Taggart (Directors); and Messrs. J. D. Sherry (Manager), W. C. Clark, Chiu Ho-ping, Li Tse-fong, A. M. Braude, W. G. Griffin, Lam Kwai, C. S. Hatt, Wong Ping-sun, Wong Min-lin, K. C. Mark, Kwok Hin-wang, Chua Seng-choo, Chow Ping-ung, Lo Kai-wing and W. L. McKenzie (Secretary).

Hon. Dr. Kotewall and Mr. J. Scott Hamilton were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors to the Company.

In his address to the Shareholders, Mr. Shields said: "Gentlemen, The Directors' Report, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account which we are called upon to consider have been in your hands for the prescribed period and I can assume that you will have acquainted yourselves with their contents."

The uniformity of the Accounts with those for the preceding year is very marked and can be attributed largely to the stability shown by our local dollar. Nevertheless, following customary practice, I will refer briefly to the more important features of the Accounts as presented.

INCREASING DEMANDS
Signs were not lacking in the earlier part of 1937 of a gradually increasing demand for telephone service and this upward trend became accentuated during the latter part of the year by reason of developments in the Far Eastern situation. It is impossible to forecast what the future holds, but your Directors are not unaware that gains in lines obtained under the abnormal conditions now existing are not necessarily of a permanent nature and, as far as is practicable, are endeavouring to share your Company's policy accordingly.

Commencing with Profit and Loss Account, you will observe on reference to the Debit side thereof that the increase in connections is reflected in an augmentation of Royalties payable to Government. The allowance for Depreciation is \$15,071.87 less than for the previous year but your Directors are satisfied that the sum appropriated, namely, \$288,155.92 makes ample provision, having regard to the high standard at which all your physical assets are maintained.

TYPHOON LOSS
The balance from Working Ac-

count is some \$30,000 lower than that for the preceding year and is accounted for mostly by certain items of a non-recurring nature, including more than usually heavy repairs made necessary by damage to plant occasioned by the severe typhoon of September last. Revenue from Interest, Dividends and Exchange is shown at \$148,070.21 and represents an increase of approximately \$20,000 over the corresponding figure for the year 1936.

I now invite your consideration of the Balance Sheet, from which you will observe, by reference to the Liability side, that you are asked to approve an appropriation to General Reserve of \$170,482 which sum is equal to that provided for last year. Turning now to the contra side of the Balance Sheet, I would direct your attention to investments which show a depreciation of \$356,219.95 on cost. This works out at just over 9.5 per cent, and I venture to suggest that you will consider the position to be not unsatisfactory having regard to the conditions which prevailed during the period under review. As you are aware market values have improved since the December 31 last with the result that your investments now show a depreciation of 3.1 per cent, only on their original cost.

STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
The necessity for an Investment Fluctuation Reserve has been referred to on several previous occasions from this Chair and, whilst it has not yet been found possible to establish such a reserve, I can assure shareholders that the matter will continue to remain before your Board until a satisfactory solution has been reached. In this connection I would explain that the Telephone Ordinance imposes certain restrictions upon the free action of your Company in relation to the treatment of the Accounts, and whilst your Directors are not averse to any form of reasonable control, they cannot favourably regard unnecessarily exacting interpretations of certain sections which result in the enforcement of a policy that might be regarded as running counter not only to the best interests of your Company but to the course which ordinary business prudence demands.

It is hardly necessary for me to remark on the changed conditions in this Colony since the Telephone Ordinance was framed in 1925, or to stress the necessity for a revision of its enactments in order to bring them into line with existing conditions thus eliminating anomalies which the

factors of time and expansion have made apparent.

NO INCREASE IN RATES

It might be appropriate here to record the fact that no increases in subscription rates have taken place over a period of nine years and it is perhaps not sufficiently appreciated by subscribers that this stability in the existing low rate level has only been achieved by the development of subsidiary sources of revenue.

As an illustration I might quote the Trunk Line to Canton, which has contributed materially to your operating income and has played its part in subsidising local telephone rates. The same can be said of other work normally outside the sphere of an operating Company, obtained largely on the initiative of your staff, and gladly undertaken by your Company in the full knowledge that the profits accruing therefrom would be utilised solely to maintain rates of subscription already at a low level, without any direct benefit to shareholders. It would be unreasonable to expect, however, that your Company should continue to display its customary initiative and enterprise about the lines just mentioned without prospect of some suitable reward for the additional work involved.

REMARKABLE EXTENSION

The year under review has witnessed a remarkable extension of Trunk Line facilities to an increasing number of cities in China, although communication with places in the North, notably Shanghai, has been interrupted. The necessity for a trunk telephone network throughout China has never been more evident than it is to-day and the rapid developments which have recently taken place in that direction augur well for the future.

It is, of course, not possible to pay tribute to the meritorious work performed by the Chinese Telephone Administration in maintaining communications under extremely difficult circumstances.

You will observe that the cash position recorded under the heading "Current Assets" is both satisfactory and self-explanatory. The recommendations of your Directors with regard to the allocation of the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account are incorporated in the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account and do not appear to call for comment from the Chair.

Having no further observations to offer, I now beg formally to propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the Financial Year ending December 31, 1937, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations, recommended by your Directors, incorporated in the Balance Sheet be carried into effect, namely:—

| | |
|--|--------------|
| To payment of a Final Dividend of 80 cents per share on the Fully Paid-up Shares (making 12 per cent. for the year) | \$400,000.00 |
| To payment of a Final Dividend of 20 cents per share on the Partly Paid-up Shares (making 12 per cent. for the year) | 50,000.00 |
| To transfer to General Reserve (bringing same up to \$1,100,028.00) | 170,482.00 |
| To Carry Forward to next account | 149,074.54 |
| Total | \$770,156.54 |

I shall be obliged if a shareholder

JUNKMEN FINED FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES

Besides a fine of \$20 each, the Magistrate ordered ten drums of the gasoline to be confiscated as a warning that the whole cargo of 1,000 drums, about 30,000 gallons of gasoline, was all liable to be forfeited.

This sentence was passed on Loi Sing, Cheng Tak-wah, Chan Fuk and Fung Shan-tai when they appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with having moored their boats with dangerous goods on board outside a dangerous goods anchorage.

Sergeant Mattinson, prosecuting, said that the junks were actually anchored off Cheung Sha Wan, about half a mile from the dangerous goods anchorage. The junks would be anchored for a day or two and then would be sent up to Canton for the Chinese Government.

The goods were marked highly inflammable and dangerous, said Sergeant Mattinson, and it was quite possible it was an honest mistake on the part of the defendants in thinking they were anchored in the dangerous goods anchorage.

The first defendant had 250 drums on board, the second 330 drums, the third 200 drums, and the last 220 drums. Mr. Barnett remarked that reasonable care should have been taken to see where the dangerous goods anchorage was.

will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

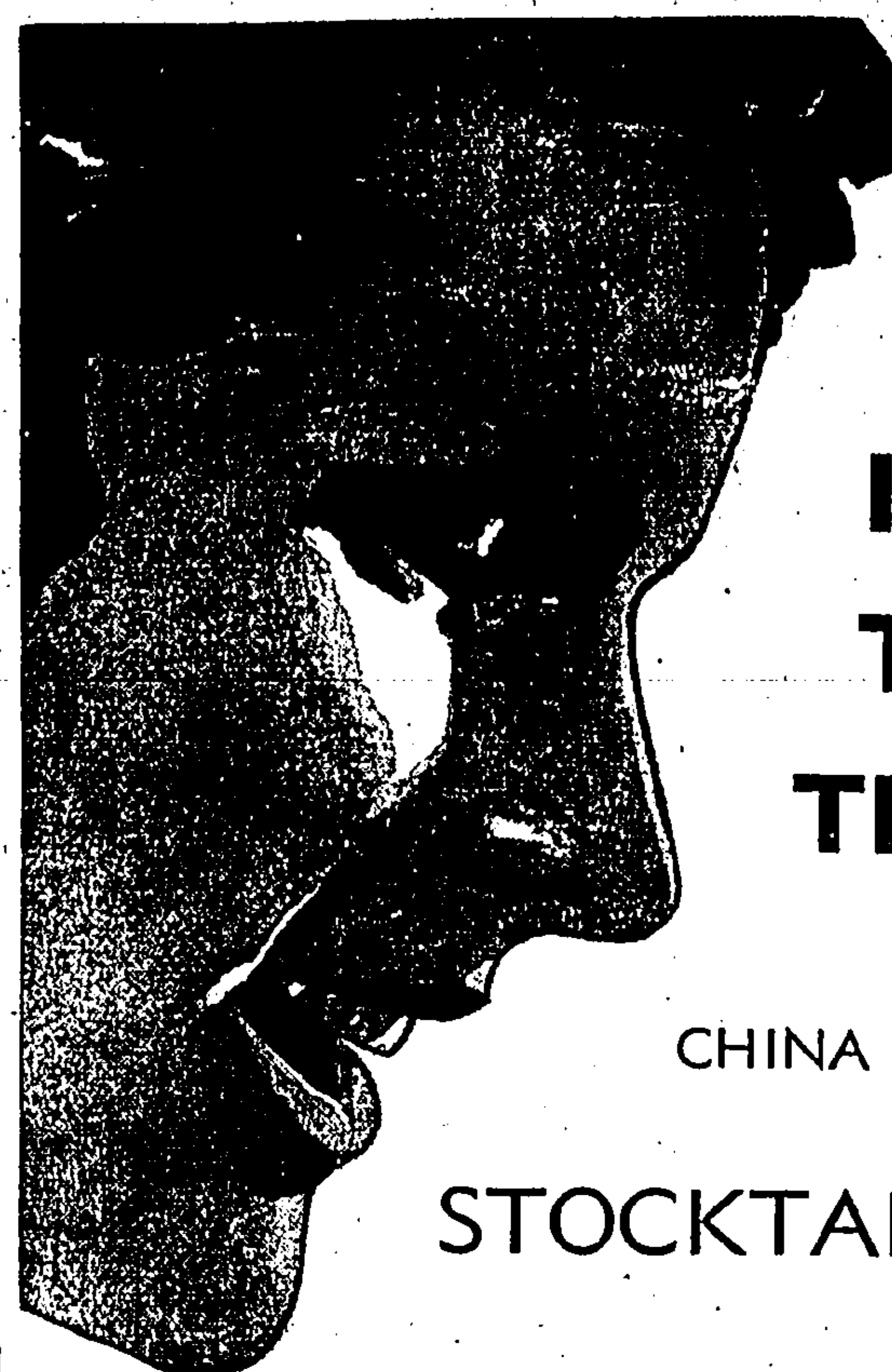
SATISFACTORY RESULTS

Seconding the proposal, Mr. Li Tse-fong said:

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,—It is with pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts. The results of the year's working are eminently satisfactory and there appears to be nothing that can usefully be added to the Chairman's comments on the figures presented. Shareholders will, I am confident, wish me to congratulate Directors and Management on the excellent results achieved and to extend a special word of thanks to the staff of all grades whose keen interest in the welfare of our Company has contributed so largely to the maintenance of the high standard of telephone service to which we have become accustomed in Hongkong.

Your explanations, Mr. Chairman, of the restrictive effect of the Telephone Ordinance are instructive and afford shareholders a fuller realization of the difficulties which must confront our Administration in determining the Company's future policy, enmeshed as they must be by a rigid system of financial control which, when designed twelve years ago, may have been applicable to the then existing conditions, but has now become quite obsolete by reason of the almost complete transformation which has occurred and which obviously could not have been predicted at that time.

The Report and Accounts were then adopted, and the meeting closed after the election of the Auditors.



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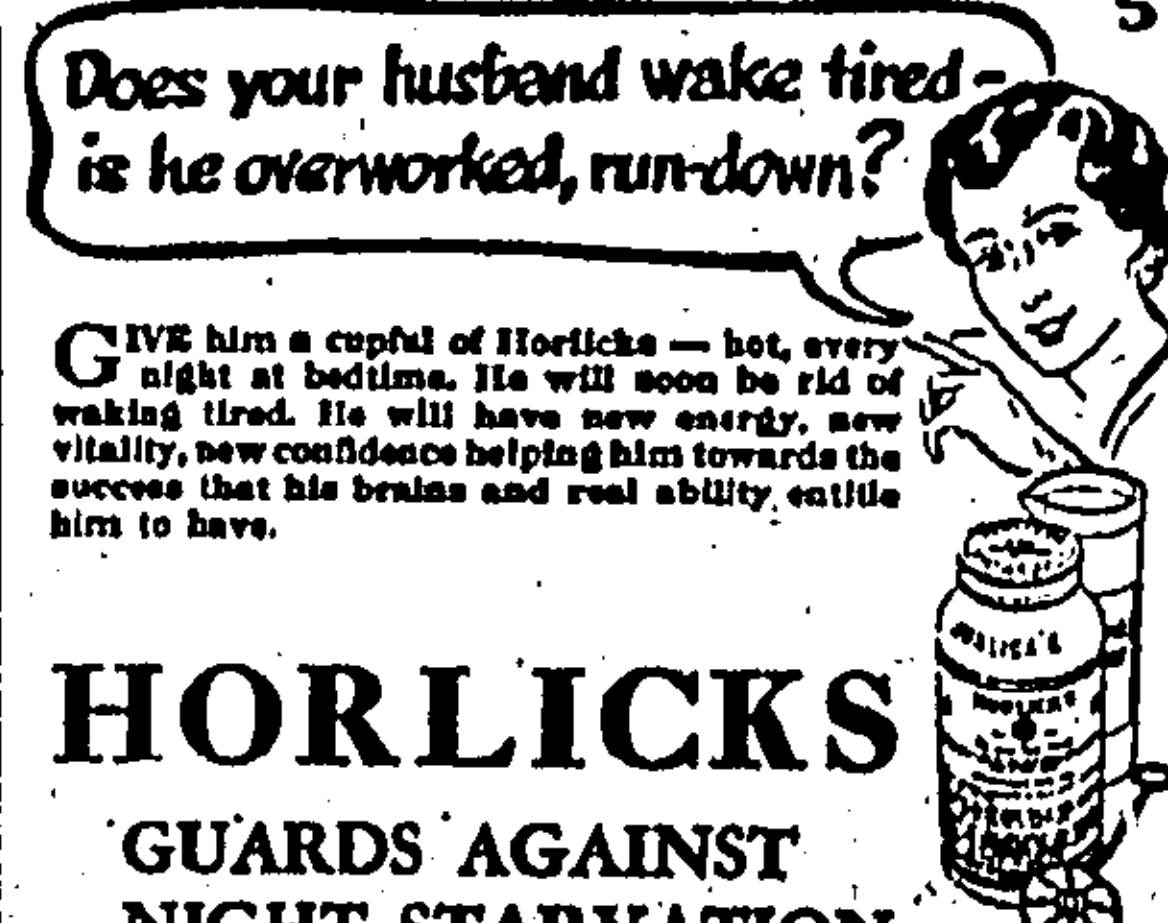
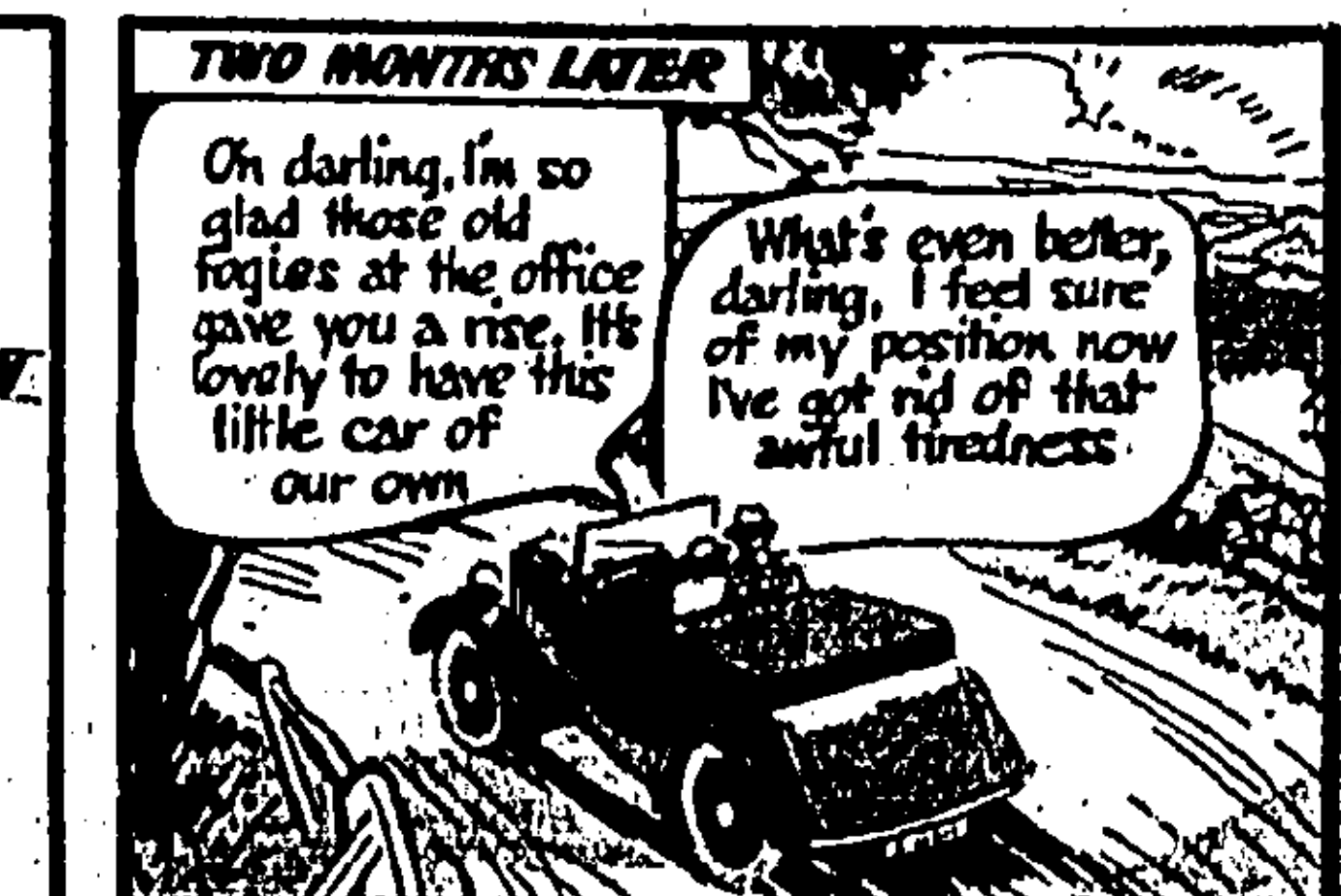
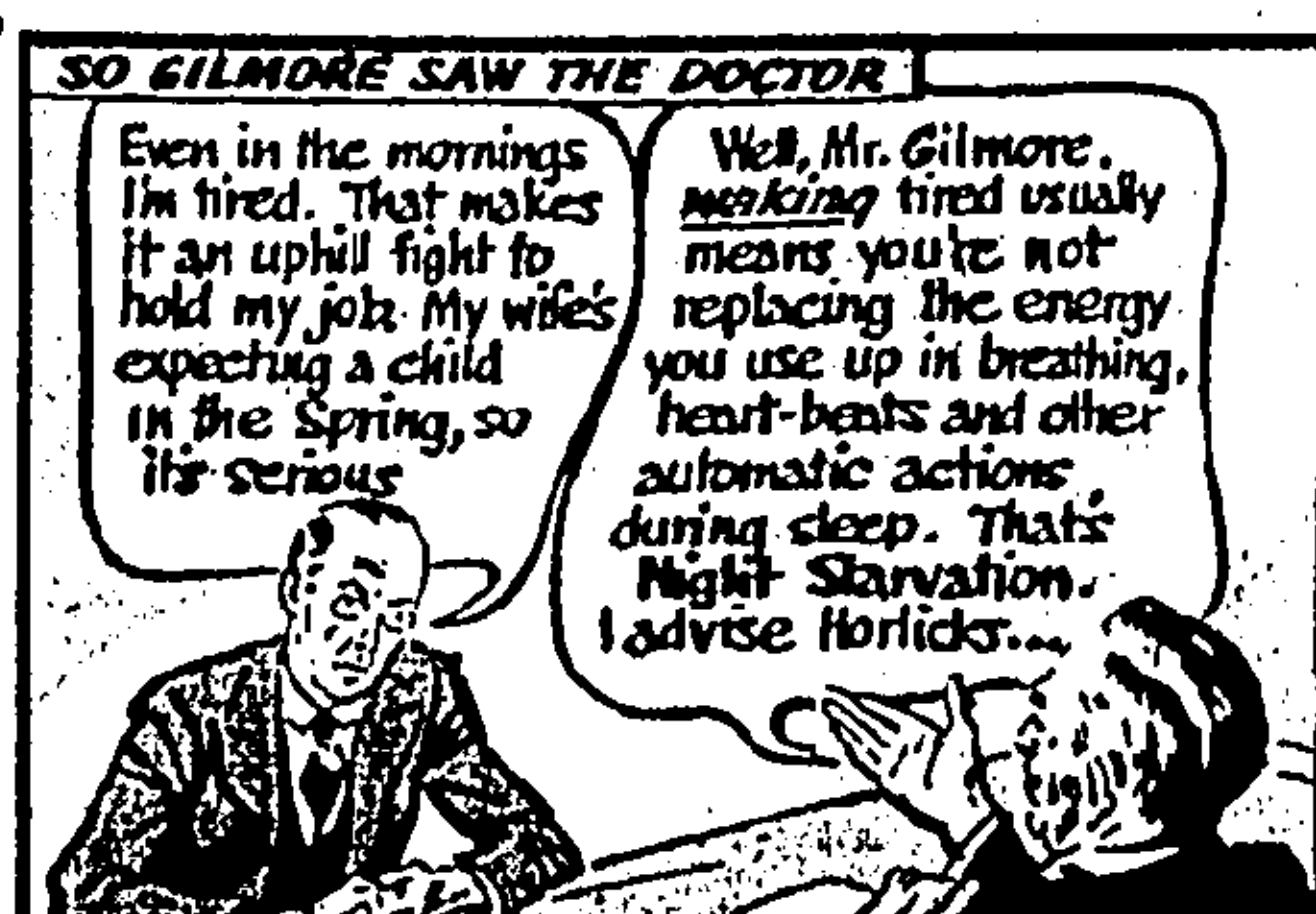
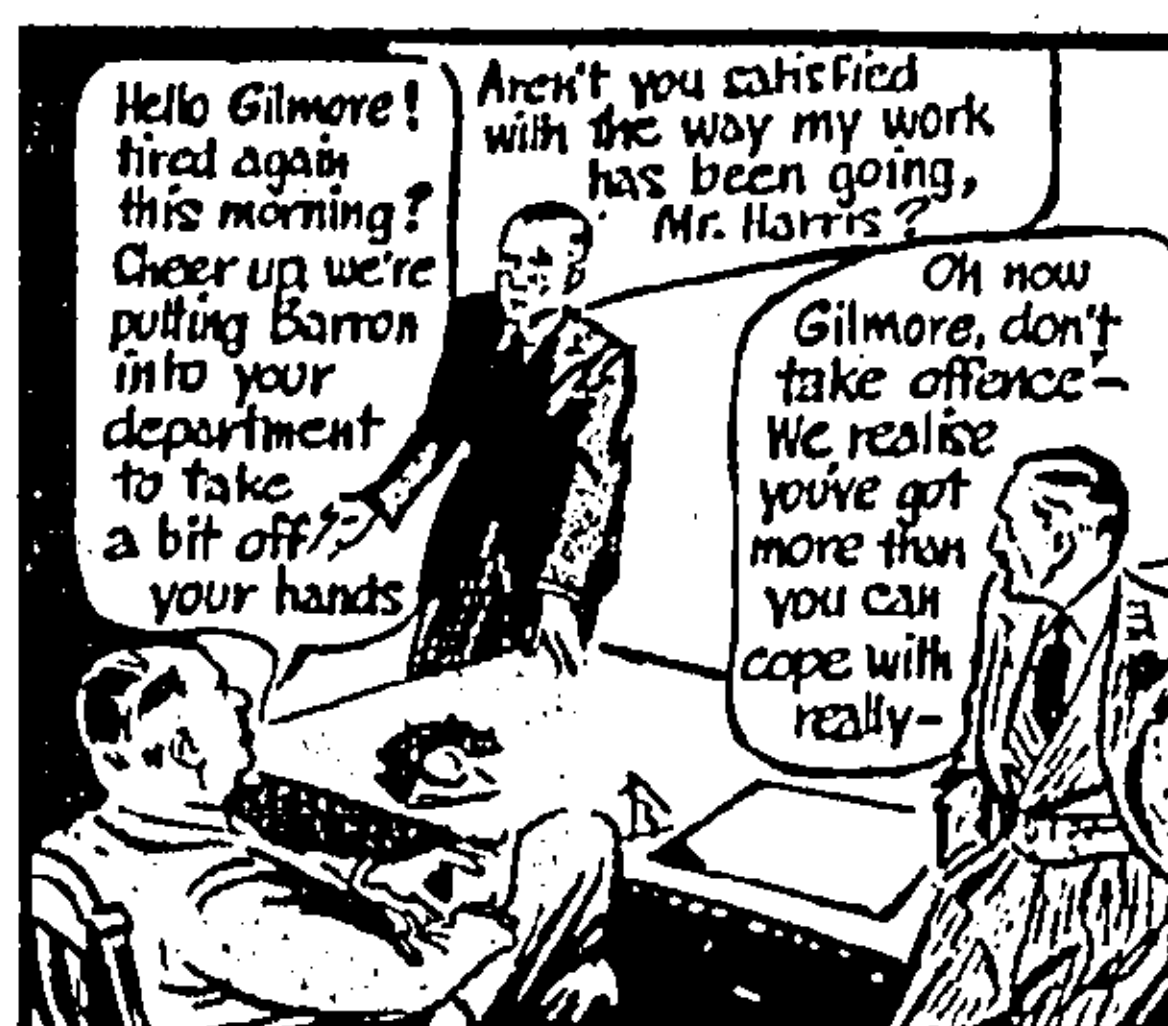
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Russian Hunts Sick Wife

Did Not Mean To Trespass Here

A Russian named Haskel P. Levit, alias Haskel P. Levin, pleaded guilty to trespassing on the Central Magistracy this morning saying that if it had not been for the war that turned peace-loving citizens into refugees, he would have not trespassed on British soil and that he was on a desperate search for his sick wife who was believed to be in Canton.

The man was charged with possession of a false passport purporting to have been issued by the Consul for Esthonia at Harbin.

Detective-Sergeant Russell said that defendant arrived here by the steamship Tak Sang from Shanghai on March 4 and reported to the police three days later. He produced a passport purporting to be one issued by the Esthonian Consulate in Harbin.

The prosecuting officer stated that the passport handed to the police by defendant bore no resemblance to the genuine ones. Defendant was unable to procure Chinese travelling papers issued to White Russians owing to the trouble in Shanghai.

Defendant had made a statement to the effect that he heard of his wife's illness in Canton, and was desperate to get to her. Unable to get any travelling papers, he bought the false passport in question for \$50 from another Russian in Shanghai.

A type-written statement was handed to his Worship and while he was reading it, defendant addressed him saying that his story was not an invented one, and he had the intention of seeing his wife but not to trespass on British territory.

His Worship after consideration said that the offence he had committed was a serious one but he believed his story and did not propose to punish him.

An expulsion order was made against him.

DOUBLING STRENGTH OF CHINA'S ARMY

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frozen, and occupied Fuku on March 2, it is learned here.

However, a Chinese detachment later pushed back the Japanese to their original position as a result of a fierce counter-attack, and the relative Chinese and Japanese positions on this, and the other fronts, remain stationary.—Reuter.

Japanese Aim At Hsuechow

Hankow March 9. One hundred thousand Japanese troops are being massed in Shantung to make a renewed attempt to capture Hsuechow and to menace the Lunghai Railway at Hsuechow, according to reliable information received here.

These troops, it is said belong to the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 10th Divisions, which will be placed under a unified command for the drive. A column will advance southward along the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and another column will drive down into Kiangsu from south-east of Tsinan, which will be an important converging point in their drive.

Simultaneously the Japanese troops now stationed at Tsinan, on the left flank of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, will push southward to attack Kwei-tow, about 100 miles west of Hsuechow on the Lunghai Railway. Owing to the constant menace of Chinese guerrilla units on both sides of the railway and the stiff resistance put up by the Chinese forces on the north bank of the Hwai River, the Japanese troops on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Anhwei, will temporarily abandon their drive northward to menace Hsuechow, leaving the task to the forces in Shantung. They will instead strike westward to capture Hsuechow, important town in central Anhwei, it is stated.—Central News.

Japanese Bomb Tatung

Shanghai, Mar. 9. A Japanese naval spokesman said today that Japanese seaplanes on Tuesday bombing Chinese positions at Tatung, 15 miles above Wuhu.—United Press.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, 10, O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 11th March, 1938, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March, 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
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INQUIRY INTO HONGKONG RENTALS

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unanimously there is that while there is evidence that rents have risen and are rising and that tenants in certain cases are put into difficulty, not to say hardship, on that account, close and more systematic investigation of the facts in relation to all relevant circumstances is necessary before such a far-reaching measure can properly be presented to this Council.

"I have, therefore, decided to appoint at once a small Commission empowered to receive and to analyse complaints by either of the parties to a tenancy agreement who consider himself aggrieved or injured by steps taken by the other party.

"Should the report of that Commission—and I hope that it will be able to reach its conclusion rapidly—convince Government that action is necessary along the lines which I have mentioned, a bill will be put before you with all possible expedition.

HONGKONG ATTACKED FOR LONG LACK OF ADEQUATE MUSEUM

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Archaeology and Geology exhibits; two rooms for Ethnographic sciences to illustrate racial settlement and migration; two rooms, in addition to a central hall, for Chinese arts, to include in particular porcelains, paintings and bronzes; one room devoted to marine biology; one room devoted to terrestrial biology; and two rooms devoted to industries representative of China.

UNIQUE POSITION

"It is highly desirable," states the Report, "that Hongkong should possess a museum worthy of its situation."

"In the British Empire it is unique in being an island situated at the extreme south-east corner of Asia and just within the tropics. Its fauna, flora and prehistory are of more than ordinary interest for these reasons.

"Hongkong, as a Colony, is also unique in the British Empire in not possessing a museum or art gallery. "Reference to this fact is made in no uncertain terms by the Museums Association in their Empire survey carried out at the request of the Carnegie Corporation of New York: 'Hongkong, in fact, represents the low-water mark in museum provision throughout the whole of the Empire, excepting only the smaller islands of the Pacific and some of the more backward African territories.'"

"We consider that the present time is appropriate for the removal of this stigma.

"The Colony, being geographically part of China and situated in the track of racial migrations in proto-historic times, has unique advantages for the study of the origins and development of Chinese culture in many of its aspects.

"The Chinese Government has spent large sums on the establishment of museums and libraries in Peking, Kailong, Nanking, Shanghai and in many other cities, which in design and management are far in advance of Europe and America. This fact, coupled with the wealth of material available, provides an ample reason for the establishment of a museum which at the least should be on a level with the standard attained in China."

CONFINING SCOPE

The Committee is emphatic in stating that the museum must, in its opinion, be confined in its scope to Hongkong and Chinese interests.

"If this rule is not rigidly adhered to, the museum, like its predecessor, will become a repository for odds and ends from every corner of the globe. A general and comprehensive museum is quite outside the present requirements of Hongkong and should not now be envisaged."

Reference is made in the Report to the existing collections belonging to the Government.

The Committee suggests that provision should be made for the exhibition of paintings and drawings by Chinese artists and pupils, which form part of the Chater collection at present scattered all over the Colony. The porcelain section of the Chater collection does not meet with enthusiasm in the report.

"The collection of porcelains consists of 17th, 18th and 19th century sources, including a small group of Chinese ceramics of the K'ang-hsi period of the Ch'ing dynasty.

"These are by no means representative of Chinese ceramic art and the exhibition of more than a selected few would be tedious and misleading to the public and absolutely of no value to students."

DESTRUCTION RECOMMENDED

Insects, dry rot, neglect and the typhoon of September 2 last year have damaged the exhibits in the old City Hall, the Report reveals, and the signatories recommended the destruction of the majority of the specimens.

The proposed museum could be financed by a grant from the Empire Grants Committee of the Museums Association. Chinese Development Fund, donations from wealthy Chinese and the establishment of an endowment fund.

One suggestion in the Report is that Government should release a special postage stamp issue, devoting the entire profits from the sale to the endowment fund.

"Government should be prepared to meet annual charges of upkeep and salaries," says the Report. "Here it must be mentioned that no museum of this type should be contemplated without a budget, independent of the interest from the endowment fund, at the disposal of the Curator. Money must be available not only for upkeep but also for the purchase of specimens."

The Committee does not recommend that the proposed museum should be accessible to all.

RESTING PLACE OR SHELTER

"In the old City Hall Museum access was free to all and sundry, in consequence it became a resting place for illiterate coolies and the poorest of the Chinese, who came in quest of the cold or rain in search of shelter. Under conditions of this nature the real students were discouraged.

"Whilst not wishing to exclude the poorer classes we yet do not think that the objects of the museum would be fulfilled if such were freely admitted."

"We suggest that an entrance fee of ten cents be charged, this would entitle anyone to enter. School-children in parties of from ten to 20 in charge of a teacher should be admitted free."

An appendix to the Report reprints a criticism of Hongkong in the Report on the Museums of Ceylon, Malaya, etc., published by the Museums Association in 1935. In part, this Report states:

"Mention has already been made of the fact that Hongkong represents the low-water mark in museum provision throughout the whole of the Empire, excepting only the smaller

BRITAIN TAKING FIRM CONTROL OF CIVIL FLYING

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ment of Imperial Airways require immediate reform, and the opinion that some change in the directing personnel may well be involved, is accepted by the Government, and it is understood that the Company will welcome the suggestion that a whole-time chairman should be appointed.

The Government also agrees that one or two full-time directors should be associated with the chairman.

The Government sympathises with the Committee's proposal that dividends of subsidised air transport companies should be restricted to the limits usually associated with utility companies, and it will consider whether financial arrangements can be made to this end.

OBSELESCENCE AND SUBSIDIES

With regard to the aircraft industry, the Government will give special consideration to the question of obsolescence and replacement in determining the allocation of increased subsidy payments. The Government agrees that the assistance already given should continue for development and production within the next five years of the improved engine of the Empire flying-boat.

A site for an Empire flying-boat base is to be selected and developed without delay, and the Air Ministry is actively engaged in considering alternative sites, including Portsmouth and Southampton, following the decision of the Portsmouth City Council last November not to proceed with the Langstone Harbour scheme.

Arrangements for customs clearance at aerodromes are to be reviewed.

Imperial Airways intimated that they fully agree with the recommendation that personal contact between employer and employee should be supplemented by collective representation.

STRONG CRITICISM

The report states that although the carriage of air passengers in safety and comfort, and the conveyance of mails and freight has been achieved by Imperial Airways with commendable efficiency, the committee could not avoid the conclusion that the management had been defective in other respects.

"In particular, not only has it failed to co-operate fully with the Air Ministry, but it has been intolerant of suggestion and unyielding in negotiation. Internally, its attitude on staff matters has left much to be desired. It appears to us that the Managing Director, presumably with the acquiescence of the Board—has taken a commercial view of his responsibilities that is too narrow, and it failed to give the Government departments with which he had been concerned the co-operation we should have expected from a company heavily subsidised, and having such important international and Imperial contracts."

"There should, in our opinion, be an immediate improvement in these respects, and this may well involve some change in the directing personnel.—Reuter.

NUMEROUS APPENDICES

London, Mar. 8. The report has numerous appendices dealing with one analysing the subsidies paid over several years to a certain European air transport companies. This shows that the subsidy received by the Imperial Airways in 1937 represented 23.8 per cent. of its total receipts, compared with 65.6 per cent. the case of Air France and 42.4 per cent. for Deutsche Lufthansa.

The Imperial Airways subsidy per ton mile in 1937—1/5.72d—was also lower than that for Air France, Deutsche Lufthansa, Sabena, or the Aero transport of Sweden.—British Wire- less.

SMALLPOX SUSPECT

Suspected to be suffering from smallpox, Lam Sang, 22, employed at the Hume Pipe Company, Tsunwan, was taken to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kennedy Town, yesterday.

Islands of the Pacific and some of the more backward African territories. In this statement, sweeping as it is, is not sufficient to give a general idea of the museum backwardness of this Colony.

"EXISTED PRECARIOUSLY"

"It is true that there was a small museum in the City Hall building which existed precariously from 1874 to 1933, but on this has now disappeared, and the Hongkong authorities generously presented part of the collections to a Portuguese Museum in Macao, and to other institutions."

"In the same City Hall building there was a library consisting mainly of 19th century books in a very poor state; some of the more valuable books and many of the less valuable have been lost by pests of all kinds, and even the recent attempt of the British Museum authorities to have proper precautionary methods taken may prove to be too late.

"When it is realised that the population of this Colony is 841,000 and its area just under 400 square miles, or three to four times that of Malta, it will be realised how lacking in certain cultural amenities is this Colony."

"At the moment the Hongkong University is becoming an authoritative centre of information on the Biological Sciences for the whole of China, and comparatively large quantities of fauna and flora are being collected and sent away to Universities and Museums throughout the world for classification and study. "But nowhere in Hongkong is there any adequate public museum of Chinese flora or fauna to supplement this excellent work, and it would seem as if the University itself should take the lead in founding a Museum of National History in order that its work on these lines may be more adequate."

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U.S. BID FOR NEW AIR ROUTE

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while Coast Guard officials said that the Taney will frequently cruise between Hawaii and the Equatorial Islands. Both the Interior Department and the Coastguard office refer to the political and diplomatic questions involved, of which they speak cautiously due to the international aspects of the situation, and also because the United States contemplates establishing claims to other islands later.

HISTORY OF ISLANDS

Canton Island is on the eastern side of the Phoenix group of islands, and is eight miles long and four miles wide. It has stunted vegetation and coconut groves, and it is reported that the guano deposits have been worked out. Enderbury is an island nearly three miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide.

An Australian guide books say that some of the islands in the Phoenix group were leased to the Samoa Shipping and Trading Company in 1844 which for 87 years worked guano to produce copra. The Phoenix was first entered at the time of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's 1928 flight when it was planned to land there in the event of its being necessary. It was entered again last year at the time of Amelia Earhart's disappearance. Future establishment of an aerodrome there would give the United States an important stepping stone in the routes between Honolulu and the South Pacific.

HOWLAND-BOUND?

Taney carried Manuel Piers and Alex Wong, radiomen, Yau Fai-lum, an aerologist and James Kamakalwi, former leader of the Howland colony. They were ostensibly going to effect routine replacements on Howland, Baker and Jarvis islands, and it is not known whether any additional colonists were aboard.

When the ship sailed it was announced that the objectives of the trip were the installation and improvement of radio equipment and light-house, and a survey of seismicity station sites on the three islands. The official party includes Frederick Edgcomb, light-house service supervisor, Hugh Waseche, who is assistant to the volcanologist, Thomas Jaggar, Samuel Lamb, the Hawaiian National Park naturalist, and Captain Perry Paxson, army engineer.

Both Canton and Enderbury are mere atolls, but both are possibly suited for land planes. Canton has a large lagoon in which there are believed to be large coral heads. The new Zealand Eclipse Expedition planned 3,200 coconut palms at Canton in May and June 1937, otherwise the island has a few very scrubby palms. The Canton and Enderbury water is brackish, and both islands are surrounded by reefs. General conditions are roughly parallel to those at Howland and Baker islands, although they are probably hotter.—United Press.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

| From | Per | Due |
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| Bangkok and Swatow | Kalgan | March 9. |
| Shanghai and Swatow | Kanchow | March 9. |
| Straits | Mulman | March 9. |
| Shanghai and Swatow | Shantung | March 9. |
| Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai | | |
| Vancouver B.C., date 19th Feb. | Emp. of Russia | March 10. |
| Shanghai | Hector | March 10. |
| Straits and Manila | Scharnhorst | March 10. |
| Amoy | Talma | March 10. |
| Straits and Europe via Negapatam | | |
| (Letters and Papers) London | | |
| date, 10th February. | Haruna Maru | March 11. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Service"—London date, 3rd March. | Imperial Airways Plane | March 11. |
| U.S. Canada, Japan and Manila— | | |
| Seattle date, 12th February. | Pres. Jackson | March 11. |
| Japan and Formosa | Suwa Maru | March 11. |

OUTWARD MAILS

| For | Per | Date and Time |
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| Wednesday | | |
| Bangkok | Mul Hock | Wed., Mar. 9, 4.30 p.m. |
| Swatow and Bangkok | Serooskerk | Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m. |
| Amoy and "Shanghai" | Taiyuan | Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m. |
| Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane | K. F. O. | Wed., Mar. 9, 5 p.m. |
| Kweilin and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service" | Reg., | Mar. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord., | Mar. 10, 6 a.m. |
| | G. F. O. | Mar. 9, 5 p.m. |
| | Ord., | Mar. 10, 6 a.m. |
| Thursday | | |
| Samshui and Wuchow | Kongso | Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.15 a.m. |
| Swatow and Bangkok | Kwungchow | Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m. |
| Amoy and "Shanghai" | Taiyuan | Thurs., Mar. 10, 8.30 a.m. |
| Kongmoon | Tai Lee | Thurs., Mar. 10, 10 a.m. |
| Straits and Calcutta | Kumsang | Thurs., Mar. 10, 11 a.m. |
| | Parcels, | Mar. 10, 11 a.m. |
| | Ord., | Mar. 10, Noon. |
| Halphong | Canton | Thurs., Mar. 10, 2 p.m. |
| Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 20th Mar. | Hector | Thurs., Mar. 10, 2 p.m. |
| | G.F.O. and K.F.O. | Thurs., Mar. 10, 2.30 p.m. |
| | Ord., | Mar. 10, 3 p.m. |
| Straits and "Europe via Marseilles, Hector | | Thurs., Mar. 10, 3 p.m. |
| due Marseilles, 8th April and London | G. F. O. and K. F. O. | Thurs., Mar. 10, 3 p.m. |
| 14th April | Reg., | Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m. |
| | Ord., | Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m. |
| Swatow, "Shanghai and Tientsin | Takson | Thurs., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m. |
| Manila | Empress of Russia | Thurs., Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Scharnhorst | Thurs., Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m. |
| Friday | | |
| Samshui and Wuchow | Tai Hing | Fri., Mar. 11, 8.15 a.m. |
| Swatow and Bangkok | Kwungchow | Fri., Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m. |
| Amoy and "Shanghai" | Yunnan | Fri., Mar. 11, 8.30 a.m. |
| Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow, and Kumsang Plane | Reg., | Fri., Mar. 11, 9 a.m. |
| Chenista etc. (via Hankow) by the "Kumsang Airways Service" | Ord., | Fri., Mar. 11, 9.30 a.m. |

Horrible Poison Plot Revealed at Trial

Swift Changes In Hongkong Temperature

Nearly 30 Degrees Change In 3 Days

Passengers by the Empress of Britain may yet obtain fine weather conditions in Hongkong. The official forecast, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, holds out hope that the present cloudy and showery conditions may improve.

Hongkong has experienced all the seasons in the past week. Since Sunday, when the temperature reached an all-time March record of 84 degrees, the mercury has dropped no less than 20 degrees, yesterday's maximum being 65 degrees.

Last night's minimum temperature of 56 degrees is the coldest recorded since February 24.

Humidity at 10 a.m. to-day was only eight per cent. below absolute saturation. Average humidity during the past week has been between 85 and 90 per cent.

Half an inch of rainfall was recorded yesterday, bringing the total since January 1 to 5.70, compared with an average of 3.44 inches.

NEW POST IN AIR MINISTRY

London, Mar. 8. It is understood that Sir Donald Banks will be appointed to the newly-created post of permanent Under-Secretary for Air.

Sir Francis Shermidine will continue as Director of Civil Aviation.—*Reuter.*

Japanese To Stage Huge Demonstration In Shanghai

Shanghai, March 8. For the first time since December 3, 1937, when the Japanese staged a "Victory Parade" through the International Settlement, the Japanese have announced a vast military, naval and air force review through the Japanese sector of the Settlement on March 10.

It will be in commemoration of the 34th anniversary of the Russo-Japanese War.

Although the parade is not taking place within the non-Japanese sector of the Settlement, nevertheless elaborate precautions are being taken against untoward incidents such as those which marked the victory parade.—*Reuter.*

Understanding Over U.S. Claim To Tiny Isles

Washington, Mar. 8. The United States and Britain have fairly accurate views of each other's attitude regarding the islands of Canton and Enderbury, declared Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary for State, at a press conference to-day.

The statement is taken to indicate that a considerable exchange of views has already been carried on, and that clarification has been reached.—*Reuter.*

Big New York Brokerage Firm Fails

Richard Whitney And Co. Insolvent

New York, Mar. 8. The firm of Richard Whitney and Company, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has announced its inability to meet obligations.

The Stock Exchange subsequently suspended the firm for insolvency. The New York Curb Exchange also suspended the senior partner of the firm, Mr. Richard Whitney, former President of the New York Exchange.—*Reuter.*

A United Press message says that the Curb Exchange has suspended Mr. Clement J. Dirick from regular membership, as he is unable to meet obligations. It is said that this action is in no way related to the suspension of Mr. Whitney.

EXCHANGE INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS

New York, Mar. 8. Simultaneous with the announcement that Whitney & Co. had been suspended, the New York Stock Exchange announced that it was investigating evidence that Whitney & Co. had been engaged in conduct contrary to the ethics of trade.

Meanwhile the Securities Exchange Commission and the Attorney General are separately investigating the affair.

Whitney & Co. have filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal Court. The announcement has stunned Wall Street.—*United Press.*

RUSSIAN ACCUSED NOW ADMITS HIS PART IN POLITICAL SLAUGHTER

Moscow Court Hears Story Of Doctors' Deceit Which Led Patients to Death

Moscow, Mar. 8.

The judge in the sensational Soviet treason trial, to-day granted M. Yagoda's request to have his evidence heard in secret session. This decision came after M. Yagoda had again startled the court by repudiating his denial, made in the morning, of complicity in the murders of Menzhinsky and Peshkov.

This happened after M. Paul Bulanov, Yagoda's private secretary for many years, had testified for 90 minutes against his employer.

M. Andrew Vishinsky, Attorney-General, asked: "What do you say now?" and Yagoda replied: "I admit complicity in the murder of Menzhinsky, and of causing Peshkov's illness, but I beg permission to testify at a secret session."

Judge Ulrich granted the request. M. Bulanov painted Yagoda as a kind of Borgian poisoner, and said that Yagoda had equipped a special laboratory for experiments with

poisons, and had engaged chemists to prepare compounds with which he hoped to dispose of his political enemies. A mixture of mercury and acid was sprinkled in Yagoda's office after he had been removed from the Gpu, which meant he had caused the death of his successor, Yezhov.

M. Bulanov proceeded to describe Yagoda's dictatorial ambitions, his admiration of Herr Hitler, and his hopes of becoming head of the Government by the seizure of power.

HOW GORKY DIED

When the trial was resumed in the morning, Yagoda repudiated part of his confession, denying that he ordered the killing of Menzhinsky and Maxim Gorky.

The plot to undermine Maxim Gorky's political activity by killing his son Peshkov was described to-day. The accused Dr. Levin said that in 1933 Yagoda suggested to him that Peshkov had had an influence on his father and ought to be removed. Under the threat of ruin, Dr. Levin agreed to murder Peshkov, who was made drunk and then exposed to the cold weather so that he developed pneumonia. Dr. Levin also said that Yagoda instructed him to accelerate the death of Menzhinsky. He recommended to Dr. Kazakov that he be asked to carry out this "villainous decision" by treating Menzhinsky with medicines which would cause his death.

Dr. Kazakov confirmed Dr. Levin's testimony.

HEARTLESS TREATMENT

With regard to the assassination of Maxim Gorky, which Yagoda confirmed had been carried out on his instructions, Dr. Levin declared that Gorky, though tuberculous, was encouraged to indulge in long walks and gardening, which were harmful. Levin arranged that Gorky work in the garden, and also arranged matters so that Gorky caught influenza from his family, and when he fell very ill, he was given potent heart stimulants which caused his death from heart failure.—*Reuter.*

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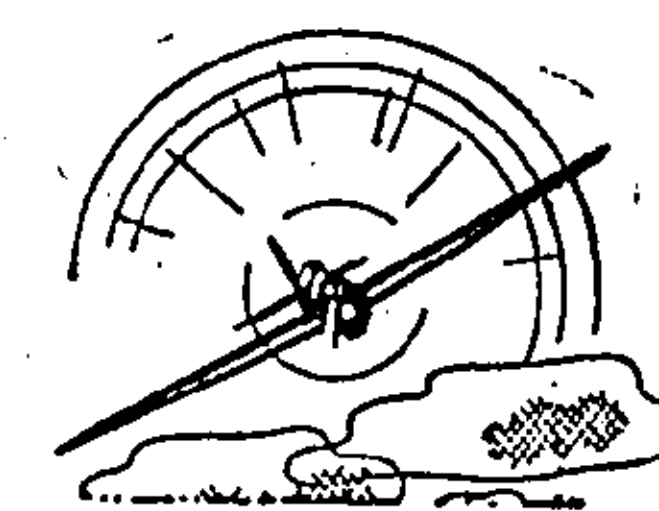
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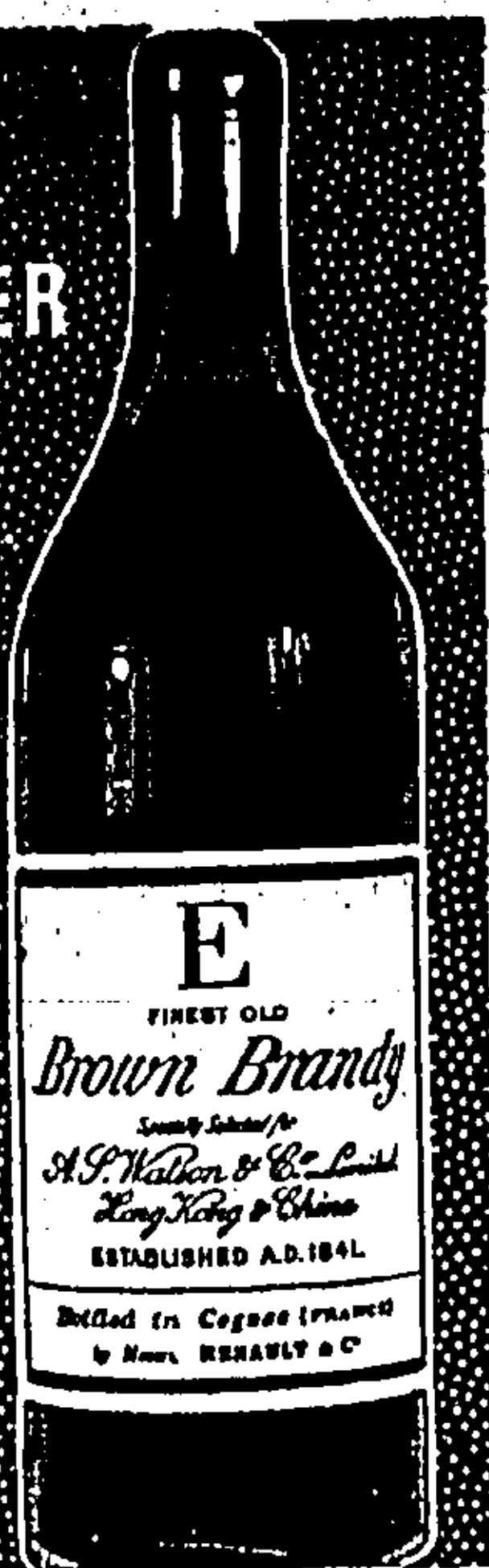


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FAIR PLAY FOR LANDLORDS

Yesterday, in this column, a writer discussed the so-called "Rent Ramp" in Hongkong and intimated that the remedy lay in the reform of the system which allows investment for profit. He journeyed, for a little, into the realm of the abstract; and he suggested that British people may be fundamentally wrong in their generally accepted views on economics. At least that is how many will interpret the words, and may not agree with them. However, there is no intention to argue here the merits, or otherwise, of the capitalistic system. Perhaps it suits the British mentality. It seems to have served very well.

But the immediate problem facing Hongkong calls for another sort of remedy. It is not feasible to suggest that the rent evil can be corrected by destroying the investment scheme, or the investor, for upon that system this Colony is built; and only as long as it survives will Hongkong flourish. But a measure of rent control does not mean socialism. It calls for the exercising of ordinary common-sense. No one, from the staunchest of conservatives to the hottest liberal (and we are not using the word in the political sense) likes the idea of profiteering. Especially is there a strong feeling against money-grabbing in a time of emergency and profiting from the misfortunes of others. A reasonable return on investments is desirable from the point of view of every citizen, whether he owns property or not. For prosperity of any class or section of society is, to some extent, of benefit to the whole. What Hongkong people do object to is a piling of profit on profit, and an attempt to make up for slim earnings in the past by raising beyond a fair level the present selling price of any commodity or possession, whether it is flour or butter or motor cars or floor-space.

In ordinary times a man is entitled to build a house or a block of flats and ask whatever rent he likes. He is entitled to a hundred per cent. per annum on his investment—if he can get it. Conditions are generally such, however, that he will come down to the competitive level if he has any business sense. That is his personal affair. It is only when circumstances alter radically, when an emergency occurs and living quarters are crowded and at a premium that Government authority should step in and say: "Charge this much, which is a fair return on your investment, for this property is needed



WAITER: "WILL YOU BE TAKING ANY MORE TONNAGE—ER—I MEAN SPINACH, GENTS?"
THREE POPEYES: "THAT ALL DEPENDS ON THE ANSWER TO THE NOTE WE SENT THAT THERE OTHER POPEYE."
—Strube in the Daily Express.

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ON a misty morning in early November, 17 years ago, I stood on the aerodrome at Hounslow, and watched a tiny aeroplane ascend and disappear on its way to Paris, carrying the

first air-mail load to be consigned by the Post Office on the commercial flying routes between London and the Continent.

That little 360-h.p. transport-plane carried a load of 400lb., and it flew at 80 miles an hour. The other day—epitomising 17 years of British air progress—I saw the giant British transport aircraft, Sanopus, the last word in modern commercial design, leave to inaugurate the new all-in air mail service to Singapore—longest and cheapest air route in the world.

This machine carries a crew of five. It has day saloons for 24 passengers and sleeping berths for 16. And, in comparison with the one small bag of letters carried by that first mail-plane of 1919, it can carry a mail load of approximately three tons.

Vast Mileage

WHEN commercial aviation began we had just one 250-miles route between London and Paris. To-day British mail loads, leaving London by air, are flown over nearly 30,000 miles of European and Empire routes and 30,000,000 letters a year are carried.

In 1919, throughout the world, there were only 3,000 miles of organised airways. To-day the

to house a population which has as much right to live here as you have."

The rights of private individuals must be respected—until they come into collision with the rights of the public. In a state of real emergency individuals are likely to find their goods and property commandeered, and the price they will get for their possessions may not be, in their minds, anything like their worth. But if the Government, which is the public, needs them, automobiles or houses must be surrendered.

So it is with living quarters in Hongkong at the present. If landlords are not reasonable in their demands for rental—and it is for the Government to decide what is fair charge—there ought to be a way of forcing them to conform with the exigencies of the times. It is not suggested that the remedy is confiscation. But it is suggested that anyone who has a complaint should have some place to air it besides the columns of the daily newspapers. He should be able to go to a body of experts, disinterested men, who will say whether or not he is paying too much rent and request his landlord to meet their request for reconsideration. The bright, and sometimes painful, light of publicity would probably be all that was required to effect a remedy.

By Harry HARPER

the well-known authority
on the history of flying.

total is approaching 300,000 miles.

At the present time, the British Empire has the distinction of leading the world in commercial air route mileage in operation.

The latest official figures are:
British Empire, 53,291 miles;
United States, 52,461;
France, 24,451;
Germany, 22,291;
Netherlands, 12,898.

To-day there are fundamental commercial issues which govern airway operation, just as they govern that of trains or steamships. In the air there are commercial speeds that pay and three are speeds that do not.

Speed And Comfort

RELYING on far greater subsidies than are available in this country, foreign enterprise is, in certain cases, piling up air speed to a point which, though spectacular and gratifying to national pride, is definitely uneconomic for commercial flying, and would be impossible to maintain were it not for heavy financial backing from the State.

Britain is now putting on her Empire routes flying-boats which, in their combination of speed, reliability, comfort for passengers, and ability to carry commercial loads, represent the most successful combination of a number of varying qualities that has so far been evolved.

These big 18-ton air-boats can attain a maximum speed of just on 200 miles an hour; while when carrying their full loads they are capable of maintaining a cruising speed of 160 miles an hour.

The speed, for a really large type of aircraft carrying heavy loads, and providing sleeping as well as day accommodation for its passengers, represents a reasonably economic air speed for commercial purposes at the present time.

The Subsidies

BRITISH air transport has been told that it must eventually learn to fly without subsidies. If the Government calls for still higher speeds, British commercial aviation is ready to answer that call. But, such increased speeds will cost more money. It has been calculated that during a recent period of twelve

years America has paid more than £30,000,000 in air mail subsidies. During the same period the British Government granted only about £3,500,000 in subsidies to Imperial Airways.

Abroad subsidies have been lavished on a form of civil aviation which has a definitely military background.

Here our subsidies have been on an extremely modest scale, and British commercial aviation has been making its aircraft carry bigger loads for any given horse-power, and has been encouraging more and more people to fly by giving them the best possible combination of speed, safety, reliability, and comfort.

Figures for a recent period of 12 months show that big British luxury aeroplanes, flying in and out of

Smaller Policemen & Soldiers, but— MAN is GROWING TALLER

says
John Crofton

LIFE is a misfit. The future is still with giants, but no one wants them.

Europeans stand two inches taller than their grandfathers, and behold our grandsons, the doctors and anthropologists say, will soar three, possibly four, inches higher still. Remoter descendants yet may look like trees, as men, walking. But this is all the height of folly. Already, to-day, a giant has the impulse to go into the garden and eat asparagus.

A recent pronouncement by Scotland Yard was another cut at lofty pride. The minimum height for the Metropolitan Police was reduced by one inch to 5ft. 6in. That means comparative pygmies will soon wear that sky-scraping helmet which (like the Guardsman's bearskin) was invented to add to formidable stature a still more elongated look.

"I challenge him . . ."

FIVE feet eight—only three inches above the average Englishman! I challenge the Commissioner of Police to say: How long does he suppose that visitors to his Metropole will go on thinking his policemen wonderful?

These jars, such as the lowering of the height standard for the police and the Army, make us—I mean the slimmer fellows who can knock a forehead against the 5ft. 6in. mark—feel embarrassed and small. Well, not small, anachronistic.

We think of the times when stature was a good reliable commodity. We recall how eagerly Frederick the Great combed the nations for his Potsdam Guards, men averaging two yards and six inches.

To-day mechanisation and science do more than rob the really tall of an ancient aristocratic superiority; they put us, at a disadvantage. The tanks or surplus avoirdupois in their bombers—any more than the police require giants at the wheel of their bandit-chasers.

In the hey-day of halberd, pike, and sword we were worth three; now we are just a nuisance at the cinema.

Lifting our Wives.

WE tire of being asked how the weather is up there, if we can spare an old bloke for a baggy cradle of playing the con-

THE "VERY IDEA"

Empressive Sight In Our Harbour

By Lord Eddie Kelly

WE have just been hobnobbing with Royalty and the blue-bloods aboard the Empress of Britain.

Their blood is so blue that they carry a bottle of Stephen's Ink around with them, just in case they're feeling anaemic.

Armed with gold coins and bank drafts and other little-known currencies, these tourists will shortly invade our shops.

Despite their wealth they will drive so hard a bargain that they will beat the unfortunate shop-keeper's prices down to a measly 150 per cent. above ordinary local charges.

These tourists should be warned about beggars. Last year there was a man named Shaw aboard. When his companions said "Come, Shaw!" they were mobbed.

An amazing number of camphorwood boxes will be sold to the tourists.

Still, we suppose that is what they camphor.

They also came to see the sights. This, of course, is no reflection on ladies who live on the Peak.

The Empress of Britain is the largest ship to berth at the Kowloon wharf. It must have been a wonderfully ticklish job taking her alongside. If we were on the bridge we'd be scared stiff that we were going to pilot up.

Still, the Britain should have no difficulty in berthing anywhere. We notice it carries a Peer.

Let us away from this noisesome office.

Croydon across the Continent, carried more passengers than all the competing foreign air lines put together.

The British Mercantile Air Service is being built up on the same sound lines as the British Mercantile Marine, and its reputation for reliability—for "delivering the goods"—is already world-wide.

ortionist in hotel beds, of genuflecting before other people's mirrors and of bending like an ox over a manger at other people's tables. We're even of lifting our wives on the hall chair to kiss them goodbye in the morning.

But there is a more subtle trouble which, less than this happier, mortals rarely comprehend. It is that between the man of 5ft. 6in. and the ordinary run of mankind a gloomy psychological barrier is set.

I have never noticed a St. Bernard and a collection of terriers amicably "getting together." And thus it is—we giants disconcert the lower human animals.

However kindly disposed, they cannot take us into their confidence. They can never put the hand of good fellowship on our remote shoulders. They get a crick in the brain when talking to us.

Little men are often colossal pests to us. They remind us (standing on tiptoe with their heads flung back) that Alexander and Napoleon were of about their inches, that Nelson stood below average height, that Beethoven was rather short, and that Keats and Shelley towered in mind, but not in body.

How detestable are these commonplace middlemen. The temptation is to put a hand in one's trouser-pocket and rattle the loose change in their face.

Still, up to 5ft. 6in., one can maintain some liaison with the world. Things might be worse—5ft. 2in. worse if you take, for example, Said Mohamed Ghazal, of Cairo, whose 5ft. 2in. frame disappears nightly into a bed which is King Farouk's special gift to his mightiest subject. It will have to be a telescopic bed—Said is still growing.

So is Robert Wadlow, the 10-year-old Illinois schoolboy, who, when last heard of three months ago, was 8ft. 7in. For him, Elsa van Droyen, the German girl of 8ft. 4in., might be a tolerable match.

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BRITAIN MEETS ITALY

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Atmosphere Of Cordiality

Rome, Mar. 8.
Anglo-Italian conversations opened this evening with a meeting between Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome, and Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister. The meeting lasted over an hour, after which a communiqué was issued stating that a survey of the ground to be covered was made, and that the conversations will be continued.

It is believed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday. Absolute reserve is maintained in both British and Italian circles regarding the nature of the talks, with a view to not endangering their success by premature publicity.

The atmosphere, however, is very cordial, while the Italian press is full of extracts from foreign newspapers commenting favourably on what is described as a new turn in British policy.—*Reuter*.

Vital Efforts

London, March 8.
The opening of the Anglo-Italian conversations in Rome ushers in a vital period in efforts to reach a general agreement, states *Reuter's* diplomatic correspondent. It is impossible, at the moment, to forecast the full scope of the discussions in the Italian Capital, but it is generally felt that the British aim is to secure a definite on the widest and most sure basis, covering the Mediterranean, the Near East and the Middle East.

If such an aim is also shared by the Italian Government, it is felt in London that the negotiating statesmen will not be without grounds for hoping for success.

German Relations

Regarding Anglo-German relations, the recent conversation between Herr Hitler and Sir Neville Henderson, and the talk Lord Halifax is to have with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop when the German Foreign Minister returns to London on March 10 to say goodbye to friends, will form the basis from which it will be judged whether the present is the best moment to follow up the approach inaugurated with Lord Halifax's visit to Berlin, or whether it would be more opportune to take the matter up at a later date.

It is fully recognised in London that recent events in Europe, for instance in connection with Austria and Czechoslovakia, make a general appeasement more difficult to attain. At the same time it is felt the situation is in a fluid state in which things must either improve or deteriorate, and therefore it is held that steps should be taken to try and effect an improvement.—*Reuter*.

Britain's Promise To Egypt

Cairo, Mar. 8.
The Egyptian Government has issued a communiqué revealing that, in accordance with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, she will agree to nothing in the Anglo-Italian conversations which might affect Egyptian interests, without first consulting Egypt.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Rumania Recognises Italian Empire

Bucharest, Mar. 8.
Rumania has now officially recognised the Italian empire. The Rumanian Minister to Rome is accredited to the King and Emperor.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Poland Follows Suit

Rome, Mar. 8.
Poland has officially recognised the Italian Empire of Abyssinia. At a State banquet to-night, Colonel Josef Beck, Polish Foreign Minister on a visit to Rome, said: "I raise my glass to Their Majesties, the King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia, and the Queen Empress Helen."
Count Ciano, in reply, mentioned the vital part that Poland must play in Europe. This was interpreted as meaning that Italy would support the inclusion of Poland in any pact reached with western powers.—*Reuter*.

STOCK MARKET QUIET

London, Mar. 8.
The London Stock Exchange to-day was generally quietly lower, though some improvement was noted towards the close. Gilt-edged holdings were narrowly irregular, Far Eastern bonds were supported, and oils comparatively firm. Mexican Eagles were especially good on reports of a compromise in the Mexican labour dispute.

The franc again encountered nervous offerings, but the weakness was due more to the absence of buyers than the volume of selling.—*Reuter's Special*.

Sir Montague Burton Speaks On Security

Traveller Tells H.K.
His Views

Sir Montague Burton, founder of a famous chain of tailoring shops in England, is making the round-the-world tour for the second time aboard the Empress of Britain, he told the *Telegraph* to-day.

"It is gratifying to learn that responsible public opinion in the Far East is prepared to support collective security," he declared.

"It does not require much imagination," he went on, "to conjure up a picture of what the position would be if certain aggressive Governments, whether in the East or the West, gained control of the destinies of some of the States in the Near or Far East."

"Britain has always treated her Eastern subjects as members of the Empire Family, and their destiny and welfare as a sacred trust. This, however, is not the conception of the aggressor States towards people in the East. Listen to what one of the Dictators said a day or two ago: 'Japan is a force for security. A victory for Japan in China, however, great, does not endanger the culture of the white races.'"

"In other words, according to that Dictator, it does not matter if four hundred million people are enslaved, if an inoffensive nation is decimated, if a peace-loving people perish, so long as it does not endanger the culture of the white races," he said.

SUGGESTS REMEDY

"The remedy, I venture to suggest, is that an International Police Force should be established to implement the decisions of the League of Nations; in other words, to inaugurate a reign of collective security."

"There is already a movement in existence advocating such a policy. It is known as the New Commonwealth. The objects of the New Commonwealth, Sir Montague said, were to secure international justice through the establishment of—

A Tribunal empowered to settle all disputes threatening the peace of the world, and

A Police Force to uphold international law and maintain order.

MUST BE BACKED BY FORCE

"It is useless to have a League of Nations or an International Court, unless behind them there is an armed organized force, capable of commanding respect for their decisions."

The scheme had the following advantages—

It was the only remedy against international anarchy;
No nation, no matter how arrogant and aggressive, would risk the descent of an International Air Squadron upon its Capital; this would be just as inconceivable as the local bully defying the entire Police Force.

"The alternative to an International Police Force may mean the destruction of civilization, and the return to the jungle," Sir Montague went on.

"The annual contribution of any country to an International Police Force would not exceed, either in blood or treasure, the cost of one hour's warfare; bearing in mind that during the Great War, the bill of Great Britain alone was a quarter-of-a-million sterling per hour."

Once an International Police Force was established, other urgent problems could be dealt with, he continued. For instance, at the moment one half of the world was in need of commodities which the other half was anxious to supply, but, due to economic maladjustment, wheat, fruit, coffee, etc., were destroyed because the people in need of such commodities had not the means to pay for them, and would not have the means until international confidence was restored.

EVERYONE ELIGIBLE

"Every nation is eligible to join the suggested form of collective security," Sir Montague stated. "It is particularly hoped that America may join. There is no doubt that the British Empire and America could place the aggressors in their proper position."

"I venture to emphasise that the aggressor nations are on the verge of bankruptcy."

In conclusion Sir Montague said:—"In one form or another, either before or after another world war, an International Police Force will have to come into being. Why should it not come now, before the flower of mankind is sacrificed, before capital cities and cathedrals are destroyed and mankind decimated? If only half the effort expended on war preparations were devoted to planning how to avoid war, it, in every sphere of life, cooperation were substituted in place of conflict, this world would soon become a Paradise."

"If mankind means to have peace, its will can be made effective," he concluded.

£6,000,000 WAR LOSSES IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, March 8.
It is reliably estimated that claims so far entered to the consulates in Shanghai for losses suffered by foreigners as direct result of the Shanghai hostilities, total just under £6,000,000.—*Reuter*.



Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands admires tip-tilted nose of his daughter Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, twenty-four hours old when picture was taken.

SEVEN GENERATIONS HAVE WORN ONE FROCK, NOW USED BY DUTCH ROYAL BABY

BEATRIX ("Bringer of Happiness") WILHELMINA ARMGARD, Princess Juliana's daughter, was first photographed by her father one day after her birth. In picture above, taken with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, she is wearing a lace dress brought from Waldeck by the late Queen-Mother Emma. It was worn by Princess Juliana and five generations before her. Resting on a silk cushion the baby was carried to palace registration ceremony witnessed by Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. H. Colijn.

U.S. Railways Granted Rise For Freights

Can Charge Five Per
Cent. More To Haul
Farm Products

Washington, Mar. 8.
The Inter-State Commerce Commission has issued a decision granting railroad companies an increase in freight rates. It is estimated that the increase will amount to approximately five per cent.

The Commission has allowed increases of 10 per cent. on the majority of items, but has exempted several major commodities including agricultural products, on which five per cent. increase is allowed. The companies claimed an increase of 15 per cent.—*Reuter*.

BIG GAINS FOR RAILWAYS

Washington, Mar. 8.
It is estimated that the increase in railroad freight rates will bring the revenue of the lines up by \$270,000,000, which represents two-thirds of the amount requested by the operating companies.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission exempted agricultural products from the increases in rates, with the exception of tropical fruits. Bituminous coal, lignite coke and iron ore also escape the addition in rates.

Anthracite will pay ten cents a ton more to the railways, and lumber and shingles, clothes, cotton, seeds, and vegetable oils cost shippers five per cent. more.—*United Press*.

HEAVY UPKEEP COSTS OF NEW U.S. NAVY

Washington, Mar. 8.
It is revealed that President Roosevelt's expanded navy will cost between \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000 a year more to maintain than the present fleet.

Mr. Carl Vinson said the cost of a big navy might even be as high as \$30,000,000 annually. The House of Representatives Rules Committee voted to expedite the measure on Thursday, granting Representative Carl Vinson's request for a 12 hours debate.

Senator Pittman warned that naval expansion was vital for the protection of the Panama Canal.—*United Press*.



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7.45 London Relay—Songs Of The Season.

No. 2—Summer: Ten minutes summer-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton, The Three Graces and The Band Presented by William MacLurg.

7.55 Dance Music.
I Still Love To Kiss You Good-night—Slow Fox-Trot (From, 52nd Street); Dance The Moonlight Waltz; With Me—Waltz... Victor Slivter & His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Song Recital by Anna Lovtsoff (Soprano) accompanied by Nura Kanis.

1. Aria Kumi—(From the opera "Chrodalka"—Tchaliokovsky); 2. Kollebelnya—(From the opera "Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); 3. Tzvetiki—(Orlov); 4. Travoushka—(Fomin).

8.30 London Relay—"Golden Road".

A Musical Play. Book by Heinrich Ege, based on an idea by Annette Mills. A Section of the BBC Men's Chorus and the BBC Variety Orchestra. Conducted by Mark H. Lubbock. Production by Archie Campbell. Music and lyrics by Annette Mills.

8.30 London Relay—The News.

8.50 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Simple Little Melody (From 'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus—Clifford Grey); Smile for Me (From 'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus—Clifford Grey); Heaven In A Song (From 'Land Without Music'—Oscar Straus—Clifford Grey).

10.00 Eton Festival at the Piano.

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THRILLING BADMINTON SEEN IN KEY ENCOUNTER

MEN WHO COUNT MOST IN A FOOTBALL TEAM

How A Famous Manager Would Spend £10,000

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

London, Jan. 26.

"If you were given £10,000 with which to buy a new team, how would you apportion it among the players?"

The question was put to me by Mr. Albert Gliksten, Charlton's chairman. But he did not attempt to answer it.

"£10,000! That would buy a man and a boy," said Mr. Harry Storer, the Coventry City manager. But he agreed that it was an intriguing question which made one seriously consider the value of players in a team sense.

"Without putting an actual price on men," he said, "this is my idea of how a team should be constructed—three defenders (two backs and a centre half) and a goalkeeper, four craftsmen (two wing halves and two inside forwards), and three others to carry on their work (a centre and two wing forwards)."

Mr. George Liddell, the Birmingham manager, was more explicit. Though he too protested that £10,000 was a completely inadequate sum for the purpose, adding "the ramp in transfer fees is a burden on all clubs."

A BIG DIFFERENCE

The difference between a player's worth and what had to be paid for his transfer was in Mr. Liddell's experience:—

| Players' worth | Price to be paid |
|----------------|------------------|
| £ 500-£ 750 | £1,000-£2,000 |
| £1,000-£1,500 | £2,000-£4,000 |
| £2,000-£2,500 | £5,000-£6,000 |
| £3,000-£4,000 | £8,000 |

Is there any hope of clubs returning to sanity, he asks, and paying only the fees they can afford?

"If you limit me to spending £10,000 on a team," Mr. Liddell said, "I should set apart at least £6,000 for the two best inside forwards I could get for the price. I would pay another £2,000 for a wing forward, and the remaining £2,000 on a wing half."

The whole £10,000 would go on four men. If he bought an outside right he would spend on a constructive left half. If the forward was on the left his best wing half would be on the opposite flank.

He added, "I would like a little more to spend on a back with experience, round about the 30 mark in age who might give steadiness to the defence. The other players would, of course, have to be young and in the rough."

BARNEY ROSS TO DEFEND TITLE

New York, Mar. 8. The boxing promoter, Mike Jacobs, announces that Barney Ross will defend his world welterweight title against the negro, Henry Armstrong, present holder of the world featherweight title, in a 15-round contest on May 28.—Reuter.



Not—the players in this picture are not resting. This mix-up is the result of a scramble in the Villa groundmouth at Fulham recent'y. After they had sorted themselves out several players received attention for minor injuries.

BRADDOCK AROUSES SYMPATHY

Farr Has No Power In Punches

By A Boxing Correspondent

London, Jan. 23.

In spite of national feeling and the keen anxiety that Farr should overcome the first of the obstacles to his chance for another match for the world championship, there must have been many listeners on this side whose sympathies went out to Braddock as he entered the ring. Ten years the older man, and nearly as many pounds the lighter, shorter in the reach, and slower, the Irishman had nothing in his favour but his long experience. The betting was 2 and 3 to 1 against him, as the broadcaster said, American sporting writers were unanimous that nothing but a miracle could save Braddock. As, however, the old boxer says of the journalists in Hemmingway's story, "Fifty Grand!"

"They're always wrong, ain't they?"

Probably Farr was handicapped by the importance to him of the occasion. For the Welshman the contest was a step towards the championship and great wealth; for Braddock it was just one more fight. With everything to gain by winning, Farr was matched against a man who had nothing to lose, but whose race and record ensured that he would fight desperately, whatever the odds. And Farr's lack of a finishing punch was heavily against him in a ten-round contest. Farr weighed 14 st. 11 lb., more than he has ever scaled before, while Braddock was 14 st. 3½ lb., of which 6 or 7 lb. at least must have been superfluous.

FOUGHT TO PLAN

The contest itself seems to have been interesting. Farr throughout appears to have fought to plan, battering away at his opponent's body, probably tempted by his opponent's fleshiness. Braddock, on the contrary, seems to have followed the alleged maxim of Napoleon, "I never plan a battle. I engage, and feel my way." Farr apparently was the weaker and, crouching and weaving in his characteristic style, drove his left to the face and bored in for the body. Braddock's ribs were soon badly bruised, and Farr would have had the better of the earlier rounds had it not been for his hitting low, which lost him the third round and possibly more.

By the sixth round Braddock's legs were coming in for attention, and it looked as though Farr's chance had come. But the Irishman had evidently decided that Farr could not hit hard enough to stop him, and for the last four rounds fought very hard, and landed some heavy punches to Farr's head. From listening to the broadcast I expected a draw, but after what seemed a long delay a win for Braddock was announced. Probably the low punches turned the scale against Farr.

UNFORTUNATE FOR FARR

The result is unfortunate for the Welshman, who would have been better suited by a 15-round contest. It should be remembered that Braddock, after all, is an ex-champion of the world, and the fight was over ten rounds only, which prevented any telling of his accustomed tale. It is a pity that Farr left the ring as apparently he did, for his future in the States will now be very doubtful, and he needs all the popularity he can get.

It is said that the boxers will get the equivalent of about £4,000 each. They might have done better than this in London, but if the day of immense purses is past it is all to the good. Farr is still very young for a heavy-weight, and should gain useful experience from his contest with Braddock. If he keeps his head he should soon win his way back to the position of challenger for the world title. But there is no denying that his defeat by Braddock is a disappointment. If only he had a heavier punch! But unfortunately hitters are born, not made.

FINLAND PREPARED TO HOLD 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES

Plans Drawn Up For Eventuality

Paris, Mar. 1.

The evening paper *Paris Soir* published an article from its Helsinki correspondent today stating that Finland was prepared to organize the 1940 Olympic Games in the event that Japan is forced to give up her plans owing to the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The paper published an interview between its correspondent and the Finnish Home Minister, M. Kekkonen.

"We are not asking for anything," the latter stated, "but if we are to take Japan's place, we are ready." On the other hand, M. Kekkonen, President of various Finnish sports federations, told the correspondent that everything had been planned for an eventuality of the games taking place in Finland.

PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED

Meanwhile, M. Francois Pietri, former Minister and at present French delegate to the congress of the International Olympic Committee which is to decide whether the games will take place in Tokyo, sailed for Cairo on the steamer Champollion.

The other French delegates will be M. de Polignac and M. Glandaz. The congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation was held here this afternoon when the proceedings were concluded.

The Japanese delegate on behalf of the Japanese Olympic Committee, asked for permission to hold the 1940 games in October owing to the intense heat prevailing in Japan during the months of August and September.

LONG DISCUSSION

The discussion on this point lasted for three quarters of an hour, and it was finally decided to submit the problem to the International Congress in Cairo.

The Japanese delegate stressed that the Olympic Games would be organized in Tokyo even if the "China incident" were still not settled.—Havas.

BADMINTON TOURNEY FINALS DATES NOW FIXED

Arrangements in connection with the semi-finals and finals of the Hongkong badminton championships were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Badminton Association yesterday at which the Rev. J. R. Higgs presided.

It was agreed that a sub-committee should arrange for the semi-finals to be played during next week, and that the finals should be played on two evenings, the second one to include the presentation of trophies and championship prizes.

The men's single final, together with a programme of exhibition matches will be played, providing permission of the club is obtained, at the Talkoo Recreation Club on Wednesday, March 23. The finals of the mixed doubles and men's doubles will be played at Presentation Night on Friday, March 25. This will, it is hoped, take place at the Club de Recreio.

Fuller details of these events will be announced later.

UNIVERSITY'S HOPES DASHED BY RECREIO

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ENDS IN TRIPLE TIE

(By "Abo")

University's hopes of winning the "A" Division Badminton League Championship outright were spoiled last evening when the undergraduates visited the Club de Recreio at King's Park and were defeated by six games to three after a terrific fight. A win for the University would have given them the championship, but Recreio's success has now placed three teams, the University "A", Recreio "A" and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (assuming they beat the Recreio "B" in their postponed fixture) on level terms.

As only to be expected with two such teams in opposition, play went off to a high standard throughout. Every point was eagerly contested especially at the early stages when the issue was still in the balance. But by the end of the first round when the two leading University pairs had been humbled, Recreio's prospects were exceedingly bright, though it was not until the last round was reached that they were able to win the necessary five sets for victory.

To P. K. Hui and K. L. Yung in every match the undergraduates have played this season has fallen the task of putting the University "A" in the lead in the first game of the evening. Until last night, these two had never failed to do so; but they met their Waterloo at last when they were up against A. M. Silva and T. A. Carvalho. Proving extremely steady, the home pair outplayed Hui and inflicted on the latter combination their first League defeat this season.

WORSE TO FOLLOW

This was ominous from the University's point of view, but even worse was to follow. Following up their side's advantage, M.A. Oliveira and J.J. Remedios ran away with a lead of 19-9 against T. F. Yung and K. S. Liew and should have won comfortably. When Yung and Liew pulled up a bit, the Recreio pair became shaky and allowed the game to be "setted" before they won out at 24-20.

The lead was reduced when the respective third pairs, H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves, of the Recreio, and C. O. and C. K. Lee, of the University, clashed, the latter winning by 24-21. It was a bitterly-fought game, with the score very close all the time.

Out to make amends for their lapse in the first round, Hui and Yung made short work of Oliveira and Remedios. Right from the start, they looked as if they meant business, and after taking a lead of 7-0, they won by 21-10.

The turning point in the match was when T. F. Yung and Liew, leading by 18-14, were beaten 21-18 by Barros and Alves. Instead of giving the University a 3-2 lead, Yung and Liew lost their opportunity and Recreio never looked back again. Liew was entirely off form and his efforts to cover too much of the court did not improve matters at all.

University's fate was sealed when Carvalho and Silva trounced the two Lees, and Recreio commenced the third round in the commanding position of 4-2 ahead.

MATCH CLINCHED

Even a victory by K. L. Yung and Hui over Alves and Barros failed to raise the undergraduates' hopes. The match was clinched in the next game, Carvalho and Silva scoring their third success, this time against T. F. Yung and Liew. With the encounter already decided, the concluding game was an anti-climax, Oliveira and Remedios easily beating the two Lees.

The outstanding pair of the evening were Carvalho and Silva. I say this not because they won all their three matches, but because they gave a display far surpassing that of every



K. L. Yung and P. K. Hui Defeat was a new experience

other pair in consistency and sustained brilliance. If they never attained the heights which K. L. Yung and Hui reached at times, they made up for the difference by their all-round steadiness. Carvalho was strong, overhand and Silva, in the forefront, scored many points with a drop shot which was in almost perfect working order.

The best bit of work by Oliveira and Remedios was their defeat of Yung and Liew which went a long way towards lifting the morale of the side. Conceded to be the weakest of the three Recreio pairings, Barros and Alves never allowed themselves to be intimidated by the opposition and their efforts were rewarded when they beat T. F. Yung and Liew in the second round to re-establish the lead of their victory.

It was probably unfortunate for the undergraduates that K. L. Yung and Hui should drop their first League game in such an important encounter, but Yung was not quite himself and there is no denying the fact that Carvalho and Silva were full value for their victory.

T. F. Yung and Liew were the greatest disappointment in the University side. Yung was quite steady throughout, but Liew made innumerable blunders. As for the third pair, the two Lees, even the undergraduates themselves did not expect more than one game from them.

A large number of spectators were present at the match and were rewarded by a fine exhibition. There were many thrilling rallies in the course of the evening, making the encounter one of the best seen in the League this season.

Scores: L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) beat K. L. Yung and P. K. Hui 21-11; beat K. S. Liew and T. F. Yung 21-9; beat C. O. Lee and C. K. Lee 21-12. M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios lost to Yung and Hui 10-21; beat Liew and Yung 21-21; beat Lee and Lee 21-8. H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves lost to Hui and Yung 15-21; beat Liew and Yung 21-18; lost to Lee and Lee 21-24.

Will Select England's Test Teams

London, Mar. 8.

The Test selectors to choose England's cricket teams against Australia have been announced as follows: Sir Pelham Warner (Chairman), Mr. P. A. Perrin of Essex, Mr. A. B. Sellers of Yorkshire, and Mr. M. J. Turnbull of Glamorgan.

The Board of Cricket Control has approved of the eight-ball over which is to be tried out in 1939, and the West Indies are to be asked to agree to play their matches under the new ruling in that season.—Reuter.

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BASEBALL CLUB FORMED

Chinese To Enter The League

Members of local Chinese Softball teams attended a meeting last Sunday, to discuss the forthcoming baseball season. The meeting resulted in the Chinese Baseball Club being formed for the purpose of entering a team to compete in the Hongkong Baseball League. The following officials were elected:

President:— Lyman Quon; Vice-President:— A. Lau; Secretary-Treasurer:— R. Lau; Committee:— A. Liu (Coach), T. Young, C. S. Chung, and W. Woo.

The first practice has been called for 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 13 at the field opposite La Salle College. All Chinese players, who are interested, are invited to attend.

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SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12.15 p.m.

Timons are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

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Tree Thieves Rounded Up

All Admit Previous Offences

Arrested with 440 cuttings of wild treewood in his possession in Victoria Road, Kennedy Town, yesterday, Lam Lung, 30, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, and was fined \$250 with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

Chan Tung, 38, unemployed, who had 85 cuttings of treewood in his possession at the same place, was fined a similar amount. Both these men had previous convictions. Inspector W. Muir prosecuted.

Cheung Lai-ewok, 28, unemployed, arrested in Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, with 70 cuttings of wild treewood in his possession, was also fined \$250 or three months' hard labour in default. He admitted a previous conviction.

Two other men, Chan Wah, 28, and Wu Wal-man, 28, both coolies, were each fined \$50 with the alternative of two months' hard labour for the joint possession of 80 cuttings of wild treewood at Blue Pool Road. These accused also had previous convictions. Inspector A. V. Baker prosecuted.

Another Peer Forsakes Labour Party

London, Mar. 8.
Following a similar step taken by Lord Arnold, Lord Sanderson is resigning from the Labour Party on the ground that its Foreign policy involves hatred of other powers, and that it is prepared to go to war on behalf of collective security.

Because of this he would regard its attainment to office as a menace to peace.—Reuter Bulletin.

HONEST TOURIST FOUND!

Hongkong's Beauty Can't Impress Film Expert

The Telegraph's search for an honest tourist has ended.
Meet Mr. James A. Fitzpatrick, famed throughout the world as the producer of the famous travelogues distributed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. He arrived here this morning by the luxury liner Empress of Britain.

He is the only person who has not gone into raptures over the Colony's scenery.

"When the steward told me we were entering Hongkong's harbour, I struck my head out of the window, yawned, and went back to bed again," he said to a thunderstruck group of pressmen this morning.

But there is reason for Mr. Fitzpatrick's casualness. This is his fourth trip to Hongkong and he has forgotten how many times he has travelled around the world.

He revealed to the Telegraph this morning that Hongkong is to feature in another colour travelogue, which will be made by the Dufacolor process, which claims certain advantages over Technicolor.

Three colour technicians and cameramen are accompanying Mr. Fitzpatrick on the present tour and they anticipate at least ten travelogues. Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand will be photographed in colour for the first time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick believes that colour technique is not sufficiently advanced for the dramatic field in cinematograph.

"It is excellent for travelogues and short subjects, but colour still has a long way to go in the dramatic field," he declared.

Among the cameramen accompanying Mr. Fitzpatrick is Mr. Curney, who was responsible for the remarkable colour photography in "A Star is Born", recently released in Hongkong.

WAR OFFICE ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Officers Of Colonial Regiments

London, Mar. 8.

The London Gazette announces promotion to the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, of Major J. I. Chrystall, commanding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, and Major V. G. Stokes, commanding the Straits Settlements Frontier Force.

Others whose promotions have been approved by the King are Major N. A. Green, commanding the Gold Coast Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force, Major J. R. Bruce, selected to command a battalion of the Gold Coast Regiment, Major J. A. S. Hopkins, and Major W. Owen selected to command battalions of the Nigeria Regiment and Royal West African Frontier Force, and Major J. T. Bretherton, selected to command the Malaya Regiment.

The promotions, which will take effect during 1938, are the result of an arrangement recently made whereby the number of units of permanent military forces maintained by the colonies and dependencies have been graded as substantive Lieutenant-Colonel commands.—British Wireless.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams are awaiting collection at the offices of the Great Northern Telegraph Company:

Linna National City Bank (2 telegrams); Ethel Newman Tjinegara Javali (2 telegrams); Lingwailing Kowloon Hotel; Tsu 72 Wanchai Road; Hsu Yu-ting Kowloon Hotel; 110; Hay Yick Ching 40 Electric Road 2nd floor; Sanschuss Gloucester; Sun Ki-cheong 4 Tuckoo Terrace Caine Road; Mocaphe; Toong Chong-yi Sun Wah Boarding House; 0422; 0366; 9666 and 7288.

YOUNG THIEF "PAROLED"

Men Hol-shing, 17, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with stealing \$450 in money from an Elgin Street house.

Detective-Sergeant D. Downman said that defendant was the brother-in-law of the complainant, Tsang On, and had stayed with him at the address. On March 5, the theft of the \$450 was reported to the police, and two days later a Chinese detective met defendant in a street and he admitted the theft.

He brought the detective to an address at Hollywood Road and \$340 in money was recovered from a small box. Two watches, gold articles, a football and other things were found there.

His Worship said that it was a serious offence, but taking into consideration his youth he found the prisoner over in \$100 to be of good behaviour.

EXCHANGE RATES

| | Mar. 7. | Mar. 8. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paris..... | 154.31/64 | 156 |
| Geneva..... | 21.60 | 21.60 1/2 |
| Berlin..... | 12.40 1/2 | 12.41 |
| Athens..... | 547 1/2 | 547 1/2 |
| Milan..... | 95 1/2 | 95 1/2 |
| Oslo..... | 19.90 | 19.90 |
| Copenhagen..... | 22.40 | 22.40 |
| Stockholm..... | 19.42 1/2 | 19.42 1/2 |
| Helsingfors..... | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Shanghai..... | 1/2 1/2 | 1/2 1/2 |
| New York..... | 5.00 1/2 | 5.01 1/2 |
| Vienna..... | 28 1/2 | 28 1/2 |
| Amsterdam..... | 8.00 1/2 | 8.00 1/2 |
| Prague..... | 142 1/2 | 142 1/2 |
| Madrid..... | Nom. | Nom. |
| Lisbon..... | 110 1/2 | 110 1/2 |
| Hongkong..... | 1/3 | 1/3 |
| Bombay..... | 1/3 1/2 | 1/3 1/2 |
| Montreal..... | 5.00 1/2 | 5.01 1/2 |
| Brussels..... | 29.01 | 29.02 1/2 |
| Yokohama..... | 1/2 | 1/2 |
| Belgrade..... | 210 | 210 |
| Bucharest..... | 677 1/2 | 677 1/2 |
| Montevideo..... | 21 1/2 | 21 1/2 |
| Rio de Janeiro..... | 21 1/2 | 21 1/2 |
| Silver (Spot)..... | 20 1/2 | 20 1/2 |
| Silver (forward)..... | 20 1/2 | 20 1/2 |
| War Loan..... | 102 1/2 | 102 1/2 |

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SUED FOR RECOVERY OF \$28,651

But Defendant Says It Was No Loan

A claim for the return of \$28,651, alleged to be money lent, was brought by Messrs. Lopes and Alves, Ltd. against Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto and Co. before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. F. I. Zimmern, while Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto appeared in person.

Mr. D'Almada submitted the onus of opening the case was on the defendant because he had admitted the document involved was genuine, although he denied it was an acknowledgment of indebtedness. It was up to defendant, therefore, to prove that the document was not what it purported to be.

His Lordship agreed, and defendant opened his case by saying that his defence was that the money was not a loan but a partnership account. About the end of July, 1931, he said, he and Mr. S. A. Lopes, one of the plaintiffs, decided to enter into partnership and instructions were accordingly given to Messrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro to draft an agreement for the purpose. He was then carrying on business under his own name but by the agreement, which was signed some two months later, he agreed to have it changed to Silva-Netto and Lopes. At the request of Mr. Lopes, he moved his office from Alexandra Building to 9 Ice House Street. Shortly after this was done, Mr. Lopes went to Shanghai, leaving Mr. S. A. Alves to act as his attorney and to have a share in the profits. Mr. Alves was then with the Union Insurance Company but he resigned in November to take charge of the finances and books of the firm.

FIRM NOT REGISTERED

At this time, the firm of Silva-Netto and Lopes was not yet registered and all contracts were made and signed in the name of Silva-Netto and Company. The delay, defendant said, was caused by plaintiffs.

About a month later, plaintiffs thought of rescinding the agreement and formed a company of their own. Prior to that, the money paid in by them was for the Company, and at no time was there any mention that it was a loan. In fact there was demand for repayment until the writ was issued.

Continuing, defendant said that on March 15, 1932, he filed a petition for bankruptcy but the proceedings were never carried out as he had reached an agreement whereby the issue was to be settled by instalments.

REVOKED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Subsequently, he inserted an advertisement in the S. C. M. Post revoking the power of attorney which he had given to Mr. Alves, and plaintiffs responded by putting in an advertisement in the Telegraph that he had nothing more to do with them. The books used by plaintiffs were those of his firm and it was inevitable that they should have advanced money out of charity if they had no interest in it.

Cross-examined, defendant admitted that the original of the partnership agreement was not available, and that it was in fact not carried out. He further admitted that in his affidavit for bankruptcy he did not mention plaintiffs as his partners, the reason being that he did not want to implicate them.

The document in question was made out to protect their interests because of his imminent bankruptcy, so that they could come and prove as creditors of Silva-Netto and Co. He did not mention the debt in his liabilities, however, because he was advised not to by his solicitor.

Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, solicitor of Messrs. Leo D'Almada e Castro, said that sometime in 1931 defendant gave him instructions to draft an agreement for the sale and purchase of his firm. There were no instructions of any partnership with Mr. Lopes.

The case is proceeding.

BAD CHARACTER RECAPTURED

Admitting charges of attempted burglary in Aberdeen, and returning from banishment, Kong Hol, 22, appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning and was sentenced to six months' hard labour on each charge, the terms to be served consecutively. Defendant attempted to enter the house at 1.50 a.m. yesterday by breaking the roof door. He had previous convictions, including two for the possession of arms and ammunition and escaping from police custody. Police-Sergeant A. F. Estail prosecuted.

DEPORTEE BACK FOR ANOTHER VISIT IN GAOL

Banished from the Colony for life on April 1, 1937, Chan Sin, 24, was found in Wanchai yesterday, and appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning. He was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour. Inspector A. V. Butler said he had arrested three previous branches of the Deportation Ordinance.

CRUISE LINER ARRIVES

Distinguished Canadian Businessmen In Big C.P.R. Empress

With a passenger list which included many distinguished names and numbered over 250, the Empress of Britain, flagship of the Canadian Pacific Fleet, arrived here this morning for a five day's stay in the course of her seventh round-the-world voyage.

Shortly before 11 a.m. the big liner docked at the Kowloon wharf and was immediately invaded by a host of officials, newspapermen, friends and tradesmen.

Over 40 passengers are joining the ship at Hongkong. They included Mrs. R. A. C. North and her two children, who are going to Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Porter, to Southampton, Capt. and Mrs. Cook (B. & S.) and their children, who are going to New York; Mr. Keith Robinson, a local solicitor; Mrs. J. W. Platt and her two children who are going to England; Major F. C. Hogg of the Hongkong Jockey Club; Miss C. Cameron, Mr. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. E. Cock.

From here the ship will sail on Monday for Manila, Batavia, Bali, Australia and New Zealand, there after proceeding to Honolulu to return to her original itinerary which was varied this year by the elimination of calls at Shanghai, North China and Japan.

INTERESTING PASSENGER

An interesting character in the ship was Mr. E. Lipsett, Director of one of the biggest salmon and halibut fishing companies operating from Vancouver. He is travelling round the world for the first time and is accompanied by his wife. Both of them have done half the trip on several occasions before but this is the first time, during a "close season," that they have decided to go the whole distance in one ship.

Mr. Lipsett said the chief thing that was interesting his sphere of activity was the same subject that had been going on for years—Japanese fishing in Alaska Bay, which was of wholesale and inconsiderate nature that it threatened to wipe out salmon fishing off that coast in a few years unless action was taken. Some agreement had been arrived at recently, he stated.

ANCIENT DISPUTE

Explaining the cause of the years-old dispute, Mr. Lipsett said there was an agreement between fishers that salmon should be allowed to come into the Bay at the spawning season and make their customary swim up the several streams that run into the Bay. The Japanese were offenders against the agreement, however, in that they spread large nets just outside the three mile limit and caught the fish on their way to spawn, thereby seriously depleting next season's catch.

The halibut and salmon fishing from Vancouver north to Yakutat Bay was worked in areas by Canadians and Americans and when a certain quota from one area had been taken, the next area was fished, and so on, until the close season when fishing stopped. There was no encroachment on this area by the Japanese, possibly because the salmon came too close inshore while the halibut was a deep sea fish—a prey they were not expert at catching.

WAR'S EFFECT

The vital effect that the Sino-Japanese struggle is having on British Columbia was mentioned by Mr. D. Hamilton, publisher of the Vancouver Herald, and also a financier.

He started the tour with his wife from Vancouver on New Year's Day. He stated that he was not up to date with Canadian sentiment regarding the Far East war, since he had had to rely mainly on cable news, but there was intense interest in every phase of the struggle. Since Vancouver and San Francisco were the chief ports for Oriental trade, the war had considerably curtailed the flow of goods from Japan and China. There was considerable equipment going from America to Japan, the counter-part, he thought, of the supplies going from Europe to China, but incoming trade was sadly reduced.

While reluctant to speak on any boycott of Japan, Mr. Hamilton said it was a matter of common observation, especially at Christmas when Japanese goods usually had a good sale, that they were kept in the background unless asked for. A curious feature was the peaceful nature in which the large communities of Japanese and Chinese peoples lived side by side in Vancouver. Though collections were taken to augment war expenses, the children went to school and met each other in the streets without any idea of what the war was about.

LOVE FOR MONARCH

Speaking of things Imperial, Mr. Hamilton said there was a warm feeling for the Royal Family in Canada, especially for His Majesty because he, with his happy family, represented an embodiment of good to the Canadian people. Canada had had, in a way to take the lead in voicing disapproval of the former King's proposed marriage and it was a sign that nowadays a monarch could not force an unpopular marriage on his subjects.

Questioned on a report on the beginnings of a Nazi movement in one town in Canada, Mr. Hamilton described it as "newspaper talk." Canada was going on an even keel commercially at the present time and though she had never had the prosperity of America, yet on the other hand she never had such deep depression either.

Scandal of Divided CHRISTENDOM

"TRY to understand the other man's point of view" is always wise advice. "Get together and think things over" is always wise policy.

It is remarkable how much progress and friendliness then come about. It is astonishing also how much agreement will often be found beneath differences of opinion. The sea is steady enough beneath the waves which toss to and fro on the surface.

"I don't like Mr. A. or his point of view," said B. "But I thought you didn't know him," said C. "That's true," replied B, "and that's probably why I don't like him. I have never tried to understand his opinions."

What does the Church of England believe? For what does it stand? These are questions men often ask.

DOES HARM

ON the surface the Church looks divided. For example, to the man-in-the-street, and indeed sometimes to the man-in-the-pew, Anglo-Catholics and Evangelicals seem far apart.

He is more likely to hear and read about their differences of opinion than about their agreements. For differences and disputes always will attract attention and provide "news."

Nevertheless, disagreement, whether it be superficial or deep-seated, is confusing, and leads men to say that Church people cannot agree about their beliefs. This does harm.

"Ought not the Church," men were saying much in the early days after the war, "to take special pains to know its own mind and be at unity within itself?"

The differences of opinion about the interpretation of the great facts of the Christian Faith and the unchanging truths of Christian revelation, led the Archbishops 15 years ago to gather together a company of the most eminent thinkers from the clergy and laity of all "schools of thought."

IMPERILLING UNITY

THEY might meet constantly and talk things over together. "Tensions" between different schools of thought in the Church of England were imperilling its unity and impairing its effectiveness. A serious attempt was to be made to face these difficulties.

The Archbishops' Commission on Christian Doctrine was formed, and will be as thorough and careful as I can make it, and it would not be fair for anyone to say much until its contents have been carefully pondered.

"We have become a company of personal friends." Many of us have been eagerly and patiently waiting for this report, and will be as thorough and careful as I can make it, and it would not be fair for anyone to say much until its contents have been carefully pondered.

Christianity is attacked by some and neglected by many to-day.

CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS

WE have long felt the need of an explanation of our

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The Rt. Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C.

who discusses to-day's momentous Report of the Commission on Christian Doctrine



We may certainly hope for help in three main directions:

1. The Report shows that in the opinion of the members of the Commission the difference which have attracted so much attention recently are largely superficial. In the deeper regions of religious thought the Church is united to a degree which may astonish the world and rejoice all men and women of good will.

2. Some real advance may be hoped for towards the great Cause of Christian Unity. It is not only important that we in the Church of England should understand one another better. This we certainly hope to do. We want also to be better understood by other Christian communions.

I have lived and worked in Ceylon. A Buddhist land, and seen a little of South India. People at home are not nearly disturbed enough by the scandal of the divisions of Christendom, the handicaps of which to Christianity is so obvious in the East.

Those who work for reunion will have misunderstandings about the teaching of the Church of England removed. This will be all to the good.

3. The Report will draw men's minds again to the truth of the Everlasting Gospel, and steady and strengthen their faith. Indeed, it is the belief of the Commission that "its permanence amid the welter of modern theories, which seem to succeed each other with kaleidoscopic inconsequence, may be one of its chief means of drawing to itself the attention of a bewildered generation."

Of course, it will not change the Christian Faith. That is impossible. It is not something to take the place of the Creed. Nor will it alter the forms of our Prayer Book services.

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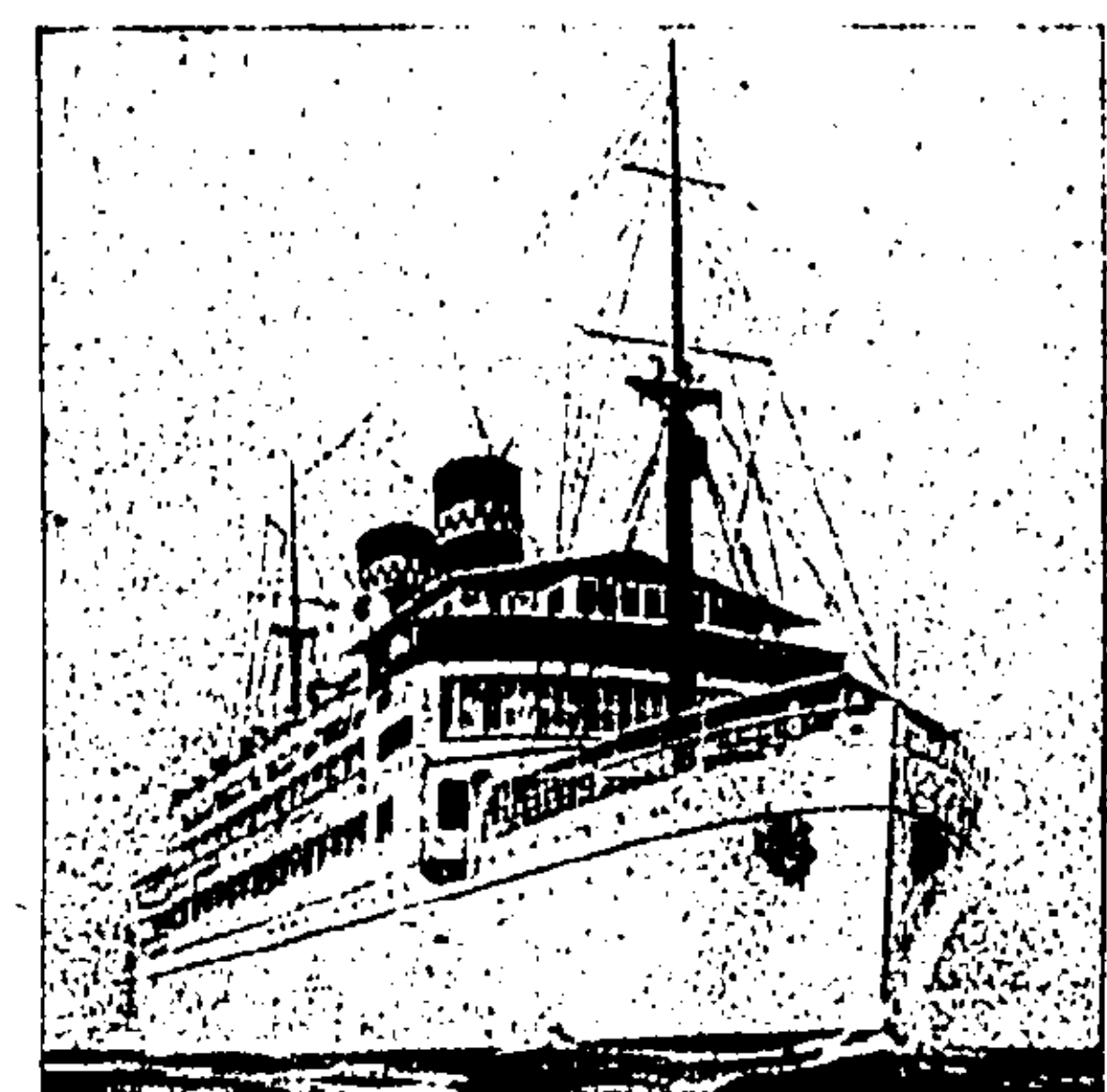
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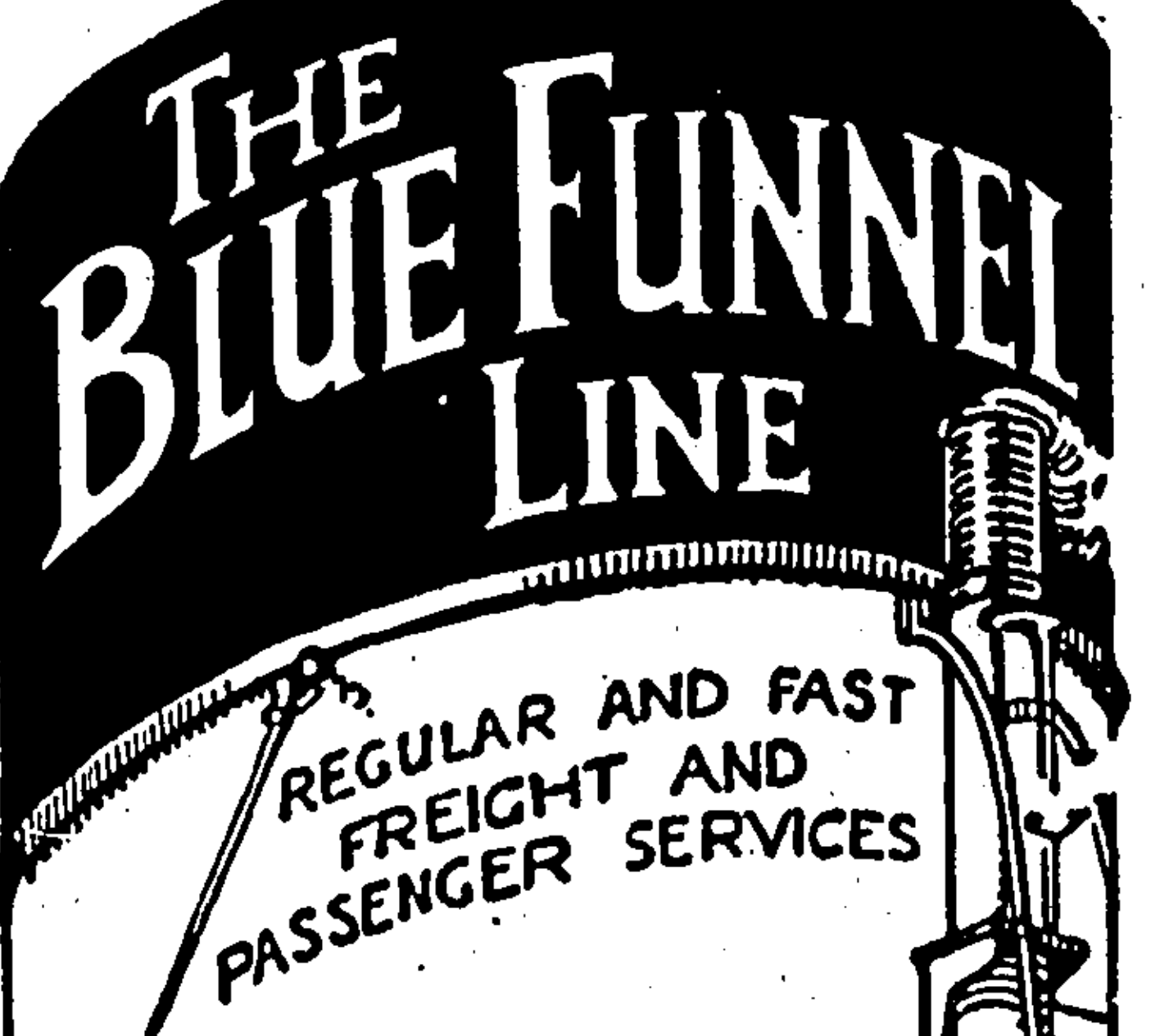
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First Signs Of Spring Recovery

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From Flint comes the report that Buick Motors have increased their working week to a total of four days, and that the production units are now 10,000 a month. Some 12,000 employees work 30, instead of 24 hours a week, and all this is regarded as the first signs of Spring recovery.—United Press.

CREW REFUSES TO CARRY WAR GOODS TO EAST

Houston, Mar. 8.
The crew of the Norwegian freighter, Fern Lane, has gone on strike as a protest against taking scrap iron to Japan for war purposes.—United Press.

REFUSED TO TAKE CARGO WITHOUT BONUS

San Pedro, Mar. 8.
The United States Lines has discharged 34 of the crew of the s.s. Texas who refused to sail with a cargo of cotton and potash to Japan unless they were given a bonus of \$150. This demand was made on the grounds that the recent bombing of Formosa made Japanese voyages dangerous.—United Press.

U.S. BOMBS FOR GERMANY

Carneys Point, N.J., Mar. 8.
The German freighter, Kelleraud, is preparing to sail to Bremen with a cargo of 20,000 aeroplane bombs, under a State permit. The destination of the bombs is not disclosed.—United Press.

HITLER RECEIVES HERBERT HOOVER

Berlin, Mar. 8.
Herr Adolf Hitler, German Chancellor, to-day received Mr. Herbert Hoover, former United States Ambassador, and the United States Ambassador.—United Press.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

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H.K. Banks, \$1,000 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), £95 n.
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Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £22 1/2 n.
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East Asia Bank, \$85 n.

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China Underwriters, \$154 b.
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Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$137 b.
H.K. W. Docks, \$34 3/4 b.
Providents (old), \$3.40 b.
Providents (new), \$1.40 b.
New Engineering, Sh. \$3 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$89 1/4 n.
Kallan Mining Adm., 15/0 n.
Habs, \$7.00 sa.
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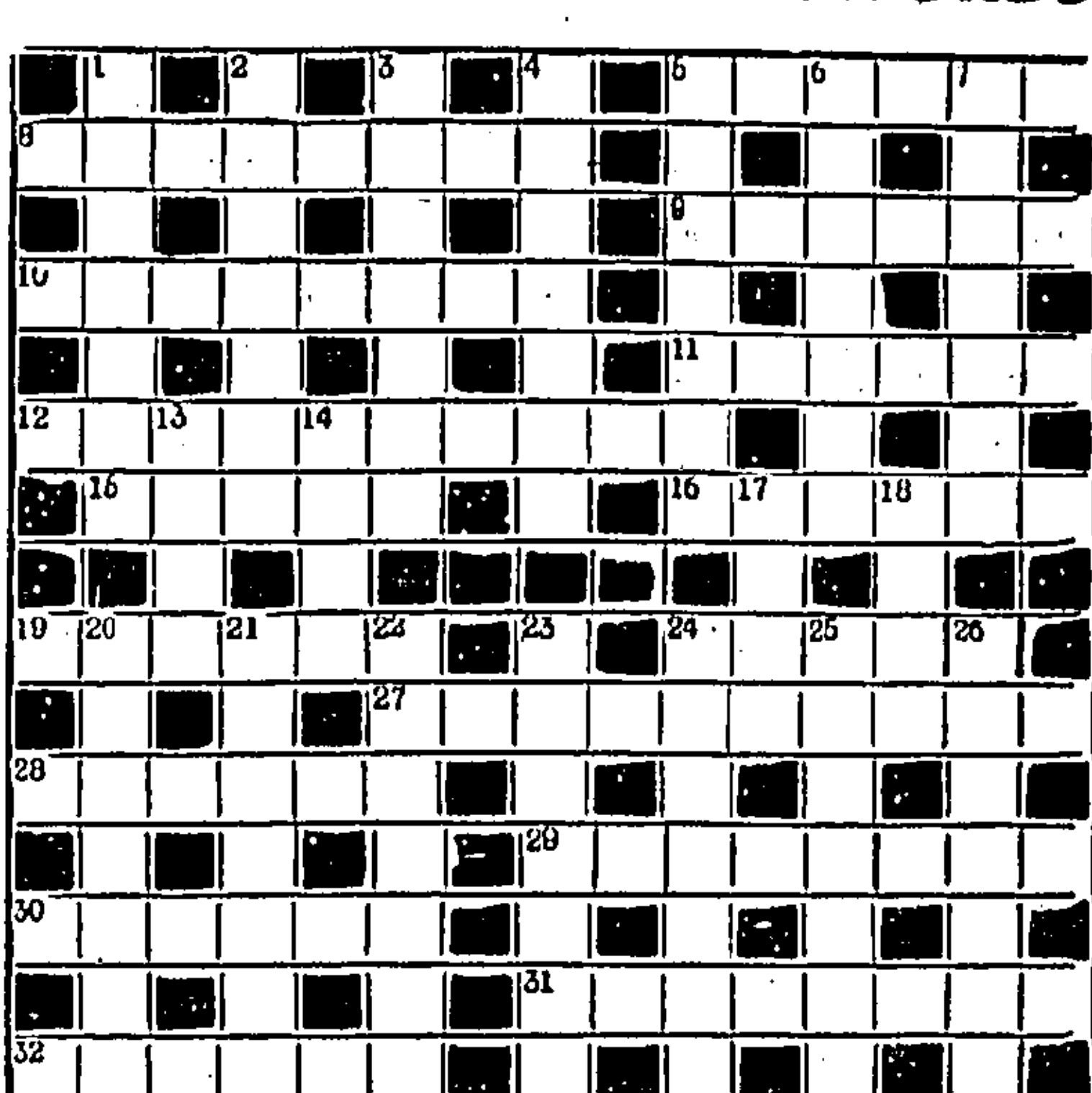
Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 57 sa.
Atoks, P. 27 sa.
Baguio Gold, P. 23 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 0.70 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. 58 sa.
Coco Caves, P. 0.11 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. 33 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ips Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. 77 sa.
Ilogans, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Mina Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumaus, P. 23 1/2 sa.
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. 53 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. 19 sa.
United Paracales, P. 43 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 a.
H.K. Lands, \$35 1/4 b.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$7 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$8 1/2 b.
H.K. Realities, \$6 sa.
Chinese Estates, \$90 b.
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China Deben, —

Public Utilities
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Star Feries, \$83 b.
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China Light (old), \$12.30 b.
China Light (new), \$9.20 b.
H.K. Electric, \$61 1/4 b. and sa.
Macao Electric, \$18 1/4 n.
Sardakan Lights, \$14 1/4 n.
Telephone (old), \$27 sa.
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- Frost may this people on to its second half (6).
- A distressing disease, so insure from it (8).
- Evidence of amusement (6).
- This monotonous proceeding gives a soldier no inner satisfaction, though it may afford outer charm (10).
- A bit of this bit is edible (5).
- Being in commerce I make a speech (6).
- Father leads a reconnoitring party (6).
- Distribute everything at first (5).
- Tradesmen seldom give what sounds like a waste of time in cricket (10).
- People who make money have sometimes to go into this (6).
- There's a bird in the wine (8).
- This kind of bark is no protection to a tree (6).
- This rustic might, of course, live in the first part (6).
- Arrival (6).

DOWN

- If it had one letter more it might contain one letter (7).
- Conceal what sounds like advice to a Mediterranean traveller (7).
- Use up the total in shape (7).
- No commendation, this (7).
- Sappers in a scrap are often transported (7).

THE WHOLE NUMBER MAKES IT

- Seven (7).
- What an unpopular orator may be (7).
- Scottish island (4).
- This is nice for the man who likes to hear himself speak (4).
- This is not working (4).
- Expectant (4).
- Wherein the aggressors take to flight before those attacked (7).
- Repose starts not in repose (7).
- Many people like this kind of vacation (7).
- Writers begin to be thoughtful (7).
- Adjective that is dreadfully misused (7).
- Can one still say that this party is no mean one? (7).
- A consequence of overhead charges (7).

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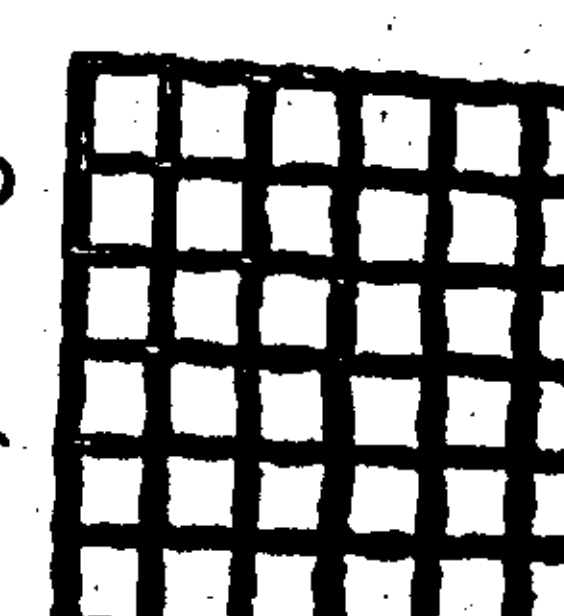
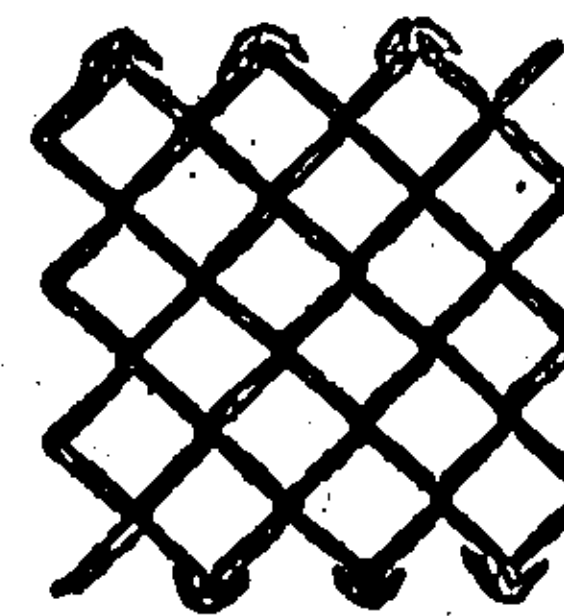
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ITALIAN PRIESTS
KILLED IN
CHENGCHOW RAID

Chengchow, Mar. 9.
Two Italian priests are reported to have been killed yesterday morning when a bomb dropped by Japanese planes outside the Catholic Church hit the western city gate. Taking advantage of the clear sky after a night's snowfall, 12 Japanese planes attacked the city at dawn. They rained some 40 bombs at various places. About 30 of the missiles were aimed at the Peking-Hankow Railway and the Lunghai Railway stations, killing three civilians and wounding several others. Two bombs

YANGTSE COMMANDER
COMING TO COLONY

Hankow, Mar. 9.
Rear-Admiral Marquart, commander of the United States Yangtse patrol since February, 1937, is leaving by air for Hongkong to-day, en route to America.—Reuter.

landed at the Cathedral Church at Cheng Hsin Street.
Hardly had the squadron of raiders departed than a second squadron of three planes came over. But these only reconnoitred over the city. No bombs were dropped.—Central News.

PREHISTORIALS MEETING IN HONGKONG DURING 1941 CENTENARY

Remarkable Discoveries In Study of Early Man Revealed in Report

Hongkong will be the venue of the Fourth Congress of Pre-historians of the Far East.

The Third Congress was held in Singapore last January. A Report of the proceedings, compiled by the Hongkong delegate, Mr. W. Schofield, was tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

Mr. Schofield reveals in his report that the Congress has accepted the invitation of the Hongkong Government to meet in this Colony in 1941, its centenary year.

Mr. Schofield's Report, in part, bridges all over the Archipelago, across Torres Straits, and Buss Straits, during the Ice Age, which were flooded by the melting of the ice, and would have allowed early man to travel extensively, and such jungle tribes as the Negritos to reach Luzon and Mindanao. The other paper dealt with the close typological relations between certain Australian implements and those of the Far East, notably the flaked palaeoliths of Tongking; the "sumatra" type first described from Sumatra; and the "protonoliths" flaked tools with the polished edge of Tongking and the Archipelago. The conclusion reached was that a diffusion of culture, but not of race, had taken place from Cape York and the N.W. Australian coast respectively into the interior.

Dr. von Koenigswald, however, gave the Congress its most important paper by far: a description of two newly discovered skulls of Pithecanthropus erectus, one from the Trinil beds (middle Pleistocene) of Java, and one from the lower Pleistocene, dealing with their relation to Sinanthropus, and proving the falsity of recent views as to the non-humanity of the former genus of Hominid. The older skull is that of a child, and presents features relating it closely to the main stem of human descent, whereas the skulls of adults show comparatively marked specialisation.

AUSTRALIAN PAPERS
The Australian delegates both read important papers; one on the present state of prehistoric research there, describing the leading types of implement found. The author took the view that so far as actual age goes, man in Australia is of moderate antiquity only, and that there is no evidence of Pleistocene man there. He also put forward the theory that Tasmanians arrived direct by sea from the New Caledonia region. In the discussion that followed, much was said of the existence of land

The Straits delegates' contribution was small but important: a description was given of an excavation at a site where a stratum with flaked burials and implements of Sumatra type was found underlying another of Houbin (Tongking mesolithic) type, thus fixing the succession of races and cultures in Perak, where the site lies. The pottery found was also dealt with.

HONGKONG CONTRIBUTION
The Hongkong delegates dealt with the results of the Shek Pek excavation, exhibiting plans and sections of the site and photos of the objects and burials found; also with the relation between the bronze culture of classical China and the stone cultures of the "barbarians".

This last subject was also dealt with by the Chinese delegate, whose contribution showed that a culture closely related to that of Hongkong extended northwards through the interior of Fukien and Chekiang as far as the neighbourhood of Hangchow, with hard and soft pottery, and stone tools; this immense extension of the Hongkong culture province being regarded as the most important feature of this Congress so far as local studies are concerned. Neither in this nor in Father Maglioli's almost equally important paper on the Swabian prehistoric importance described, such as exist in Hongkong. Father Maglioli's communication dealt with the sites of the Swabian culture, the succession of culture-phases so far as he can make them out, and the meaning of the signs found on what is called the "soft" pottery, which he interpreted as a rule signs for magic protection of the vessel or its owner, or as good wish emblems, such as are common on modern Chinese articles of all sorts.

It is clear, says the report, that prehistoric science in the East is advancing rapidly, and that it is incumbent on governments to make some permanent and professional provision for its study; it is emerging from the stage in which amateurs can make serious and valuable contributions to it. In other words, a museum with a competent curator is now needed where one does not already exist, to take charge of finds already made, to keep abreast of foreign research, and to make scientifically acceptable researches in his own country.

Soviet Embassy Raid Planned In Tientsin?

Moscow, Mar. 8.
The Tass Agency states that according to information received from the Soviet Embassy in China, the Japanese, with the assistance of White Guards, are preparing a new raid on the Soviet Consulate-General in Tientsin.

Provocatory assaults on individual members of the Consulate staff, if they appear in the city, are also being prepared.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN

Hsuehchow, March 9.
Whilst returning from a south Shansi mission of bombing Japanese troop concentrations and assisting the Chinese forces in a counter-offensive, a squadron of Chinese planes shot down three Japanese planes in dog-fights over Huanhsien, Welun and Chaowangchwang on the Lunghai Railway yesterday.

The Japanese plane shot down at Huanhsien was a three-seater bomber. Two of the occupants were killed and the third was seriously wounded in the crash.

All the Chinese planes returned to their base safely.—Central News.

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STOP PRESS NEWS

JAPAN TAKING
UNSPECIFIED
BORDER ACTION

Tokyo, Mar. 9.
Action, the nature of which was not divulged, is being taken by the Japanese army to "remedy the situation" on the Japanese-Soviet border at Saghalien, announced Mr. Kato, Vice-Minister for War, in the Diet.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PAPER
ACCUSES FRENCH
CONCESSION POLICE

Shanghai, Mar. 9.
Accusations against the French Concession police, alleging even that they were accomplices of the murderers of Chow Feng-chi, who, it was alleged, had accepted the Japanese offer to become Minister of War in the new Nanking Government, are contained in an editorial in the Japanese-owned newspaper, Shanghai Nippon.

The paper says that the French police who were on duty in the vicinity of the incident did nothing to prevent the lawless act or to arrest the offenders. The General received the news of the murder with a shocked face and collapsed while his assistants made good their escape. The General was not given first-aid treatment. The attitude of the French authorities is arousing much attention in certain quarters, concludes the paper.—Reuter.

THANKS FOR
HOSPITALITY
AT CORONATION

The Hon. Stanley H. Dodwell and Dr. S. W. Ts'o, who were Hongkong's representatives at the Coronation of Their Majesties, expressed to the Legislative Council to-day their thanks for the hospitality shown to them in London.

They asked His Excellency the Governor to convey a message to that effect to the Secretary of State for Colonies. His Excellency acquiesced.

JUNK SINKING
REPORT NOT
YET RELEASED

Government refused to indicate in Legislative Council this afternoon whether the report of the Commission which inquired into the alleged sinking of a fishing junk fleet by a submarine near Hongkong on September 21 last year would be released for publication.

In answer to questions by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Colonial Secretary stated that the Report had been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for consideration by the Imperial Government.

"It is at present under consideration and no instructions have yet been received as to its publication," the Colonial Secretary stated.

The Report was issued by the Commission on October 25, 1937.

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